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# Statutes made in the Parliamēt, begon at Westmynster the. iiii. day of Nouembre, in ẏ first yere of the Reigne of our most dread soueregne lorde EDVVARD the. VI. By the grace of God Kynge of Englande Fraunce, & Irelande, Defendor of the faithe & of the Churche of England, & also of Ireland, in earth the supreme heade: and from thens continued to the. xxiiii. daye of December, then nexte enfuyng, that is to say, in ẏ first Session of the same Parliamēt, as foloweth.

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### Cap. 1.

The Kynges mooste excellent Maiestie, myndyng the gouernaunce and ordre of his moste louyng subiectes, to bee in moste perfyte vnitie and concorde in all thynges, & in especiall, in the true faith and religyon of God, and wishyng thesame to bee broughte to passe with all clemencie and mercye on his hyghnes parte towardes them, as his moste princely serenitie & Maiestie hath already declared by euidēt profe, to thintēt that his moste louyng subiectes, prouoked by clemencie and goodnes of their Prince and Kyng, shal studie rather for loue then for feare, to do their dueties, fyrst to almightie God, and then to his highnes and the cōmon wealth, nourishyng concord and loue emong themselfes: yet considreth and perceiueth, that in a multitude all bee not on that sorte, that reason & the knowledge of their dueties can moue them from offence, but many whiche had nede haue some bridle of feare, and that thesame be men moost contencious & arrogant for the moost part, or els moost blynde and ignoraunt: By the meanes of whiche sorte of men, many thynges well and Godly instituted, and to the edification of many, be peruerted and abused, and turned to their awn and others great losse and hinderaunce, and sometyme to extreme distruccion: The whyche doth appere in nothynge more or soner then in matters of religion, and in the greate and high mysteries thereof, as in the moste confortable Sacramēt of the body and blood of our sauiour Jesu Christ, cōmonly called the Sacrament of the aultar, & in scripture the * Supper & ‡ Table of the Lorde, the * Cōmunion & ‡ Partakyng of the body and blood of Christe: which Sacrament was instituted of no lesse auethor then of our sauiour bothe God and man, when at his last supper emongest his Apostles he did take the bread into his holy handes, and did saie: * Take you and eate, This is my body, vvhich is ‡ Geuē and * Brokē for you. And taking vp the ‡ Chalice or cup, did * Geue thankes & saie, This is my blood of the nevve Testamēt vvhiche is shed for ‡ you & for * Many, for the ‡ Remissiō of synnes, ꝑ * Whēsoeuer wee should doo thesame, wee should do it in the remembraunce of hym, and to declare and sette furthe his death and mooste glorious Passion vntill his cōmyng: Of the whiche ‡ Bread whosoeuer eateth, or of the whiche Cuppe whosoeuer drynketh vnworthely, eateth and drynketh

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condempnation and iudgement to hymself, makyng no differeñce of the Lordes body. The institucion of whiche Sacrament, beyng ordeined by Christ, as is beforesaied, and thesaied woordes spoken of it here before rehersed, beyng of eternall, infallible, and vndoubted truth: yet the saied Sacrament (all this notwithstandyng) hath been of late, meruelously abused by suche maner of mē before rehersed, who of wickednes, or els of ignoraunce, and want of learnyng, for certain abuses heretofore committed of some, in misusyng therof, haue condempned in their hartes and speche the whole thyng, and contempteously depraued, despysed, or reuiled thesame moste holy and blessed Sacrament, and not onely disputed and reasoned vnreuerently and vngodly, of that moste high mistery, but also in their sermons, preachynges, readynges, lectures, communicacions, argumentes, talkes, rimes, songes, playes, or gestes, name or call it, by suche vile and vnsemely woordes, as christian eares do abhorre to heare rehersed: For reformation wherof, be it enacted by the kynges highnes, with thassent of the Lordes spirituall and temporall, and of the commons in thys present parliament assembled, and by the auctoritie of the same, that whatsoeuer person or persones, from, and after the first daie of May next commyng, shall deprave, despise, or contempne thesaied moste blessed Sacramēt, in contempt therof, by any contempteous woordes, or by any woordes of deprauynge, despisyng or reuilyng: or what persone or persones, shall aduisedly, in any otherwyse contempne, despise or reuyle thesayed moste blessed Sacrament, cōtrary to theffectes and declaration abouesaied, that then he, or they shall suffre imprisonment of his, or their bodies, and make fyne and raunsome, at the kynges will and pleasure.

And for full and effectuall execucion of the premisses before deuised, ordeined and enacted by this act: be it furthermore enacted by the auctoritie of this present parliamēt, that immediatly after the firste daie of Maij next cōmyng, the Justices of peace, or thre of them at the least, wherof one of them to be of the Quorum, in euery shire of this realme, and Wales, and all other places, within the kynges dominions, shall haue full power and auctoritie by vertue of thys acte, aswell to take informacion and accusacion by the othes and depositions, of twoo hable, honest and lefull persones at the least, and after such accusacion or informaciō so had, to inquire by the othes of twelue men in euery their foure quarter Sessions yerely to bee holden, of all and synguler suche accusacions or informacions, to bee had, or made of any of the offences abouesaied, to be committed or doen, after thesaied firste daie of Maij, within the limites of their cōmission: and that vpon euery suche accusacion and informacion the offender and offenders shalbe inquired of, and indicted, before thesayed Justices of peace, or three of them at the least, as is aforesaid, of thesaied contemptes & offences, by the verdicte of twelue honeste and indifferent men, if the matter of thesaied accusa-

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cion and infozmacion shall seme to thesaied Jury,good and true.

And it is also further enacted by the aucthozitie afozesaied, that the saied Justices of peace,oz three of them at the least,as is afozesaied,before whom,any suche pzesentment, infozmacion, and accusacion shalbe made oz taken,as is afozesaied shall examine the accusozs, what other witnes were by,and pzesent, at the tyme of doyng and committynge of the offence:wherof the infozmacion,accusacion,and pzesentment shalbe made,and howe many other then the accusozs,haue knowledge therof: and shall haue power and aucthozitie by their discrecions,to bynde by recognisaunce to be taken before them,aswel thesaied accusozs, as all such other persones,whom thesame accusozs shall declare to haue knowledge of the offences, by them pzesented and infozmed, euery of them in.v.l.to the kynge, to appere before thesaied Justices of peace,before whome, the offendoz oz offendozs, shalbe tried at the daye of triall and deliueraunce of suche offendozs.

And it is further enacted by the aucthozitie afozesaied, that thesayed Justices of peace,oz three of them at the least,as is afozesaied,by vertue of this acte,shall haue full power and aucthozitie,to make pzocesse against euerye persone and persones so indicted, by two Capias and an exigent, and by Capias utlagat, aswell within the limites of theire commission, as into all other shires and places of this realme, Wales and other the kynges dominiõs,aswell within the libertics as without,and thesame pzocesse to be good and effectuall in the lawe,to all intētes,constructions and purposes: And vpon the apparaunce of any of thoffendozs,shall haue full power and aucthozitie,by vertue of this acte, and the cõmission of peace,to determine the contemptes and offences afozesaied,accozdyng to the lawes of this realme,& effectes of this acte:and that thesaied Justices of peace, oz three of them at the least, as is abouesaied, shall haue full power and aucthozitie, to let any suche persone oz persones so indicted, vpon sufficient suerties by their discrecions, to bayll foz their apparaunce, to bee tried accozdynge to the tenoz, fozme and effecte of this acte.

Pzouided alwaies,and be it enacted,that thesaied Justices of peace, oz three of them at the least,at their quarter Sessions, where any offendoz oz offendozs shalbee, oz stande indicted of any of the cõtemptes oz offences abouesaied,shal direct and award one wzitt in the kynges name,to the Bishop of the dioceese,wherin thesaied offence oz offences are supposed to be committed oz doen:willing and requirynge thesaied Bishoppe,to bee in his awne persone,oz by his Chauncelour, oz other his sufficient deputie learned, at the quarter Sessions in thesayed countie to be holden,when, and where, thesaied offendoz shalbe arraigned and tried, appoyntyng to them in thesayed wzitt, the daye and place of thesaied arraignement, whiche wzitte shalbe of this fozme: Rex,Epō. L. salutem, Præcipimus tibi, quod tu, Cancellarius tuus, uel alius deputatus

tuus sufficien. eruditus, sitis cum iustitiarijs nostris ad pacem, in com̃ nostro. B. construand. assignat: apud. D. tali die, ad sessionem nostrã, ad tunc & ibm̃ tenend. ad dand. consilium & aduisament. eijsdem iustitiarijs nostris ad pacem, super arranament. & deliberationem offendenc. contra formã statuti, concernen. sacrosanctum sacramentum altaris.

Prouided alwaye, and be it enacted by the aucthoritie abouesayed, that no persone or persones, shalbe indicted of anye the contemptes or offences abouesaied, but onely of suche contemptes or offences, as shalbe doen, or perpetrated, within thre monethes, next after thesayed offences, or offence, so committed or doen.

And bee it further enacted by the aucthoritie aforesayed, that in all trialles for any suche offendours, before thesaied Justices, as is aforesaied, the persone or persones, being cõplayned on, and arraigned, shalbe admitted to purge and trie, his, or their innocencie, by asmany, or mo witnesses in numbre, and of as good honestie and credence, as the witnesses be, whiche deposed against hym, or theim, or any of them.

And forasmuch as it is more agreable, bothe to the firste institution of thesaied Sacrament of the mooste precious body and blood of oure sauioure Jesus Christe, and also more conformable to the common vse and practise, bothe of the Apostles, and of the primatiue Church, by the space of fiue hundreth yeares and more, after Christes Ascencion, that thesaied blessed Sacramẽt should be ministered to all christian people, vnder bothe the kyndes of breade and wyne, then vnder the forme of breade onelye: and also it is more agreable, to the firste institution of Christe, and to the vsage of the Apostles, and the primatiue Churche, that the people beynge present, should receiue thesame with the priest, then that the priest shoulde receyue it alone: Therfore, be it enacted by our soueraigne Lord the kyng, with the consent of the lordes spirituall and temporall, and the commons in this present Parliamẽt assembled, and by the aucthoritie of thesame, that thesaied moste blessed Sacrament, be hereafter commonly deliuered and ministred vnto the people, within this Church of Englande and Irelande, and other the kynges dominions, vnder bothe the kyndes, that is to saie, of bread and wyne, excepte necessitie otherwise require: And also, that the priest, which shal minister thesame, shal, at the least one daye before, exhorte all persones, whiche shalbe present, likewise to resorte, and prepare themselfes, to receiue thesame. And when the daye prefixed commeth, after a Godly exhortacion by the minister made (wherin shalbe further expressed the benefite and comfort promised to them, whiche worthely receyue thesaied holy Sacrament: and daunger and indignacion of God, threatened to theim, whiche shal presume, to receiue thesame vnworthely, to the ende that euery man maye trye and examyne hys awne conscience, before he shal receiue thesame) thesaied minister shal not without a lawful cause, deny thesame to any persone, that wyll deuoutly and humbly desire it,

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any lawe, statute, ordinaūce or custome, contrary theruntō, in any wyse notwithstandyng: not condempnyng hereby, the vsage of any Churche out of the kynges maiesties dominions.

## ¶An acte for the election of Bisshoppes, and what Seales and stile they, and other Spirituall persones, exercisyng Jurisdiction ecclesiasticall, shall vse.

### Cap. ii.

FOr asmuche as the Elections of Tharchebisshoppes and Bisshopes, by the Deanes and Chapiters, within the kynges maiesties realmes of Englande and Irelande, at this presente tyme, be aswell to the longe delaye, as to the greate costes and charges of suche persons, as the kynges Maiestie geueth any Archebisshoprliche or bisshoprliche vnto: And where as the saide elections be in verie dede, no elections, but onely by a writte of Conge desslier, haue coloures, shadowes, or pretenses of elections, seruyng neuertheles to no purpose, and semyng also derogatorie & preiudiciall to the kynges prerogatiue royall, to whome onelie apperteigneth the collacion and gyfte of all Archebisshoprliches, and Bisshoppriches, and Suffragayn bisshoppes, within his highnes saide Realmes of Englande, and Irelande, Wales, & other his Dominions and Marcheis: For a due reformacion herof, Be it therfore enacted by the kynges highnes, withe thassente of the lordes spirituall and temporall, & the cōmons in this presente parliamente assembled, and by aucthoritie of thesame, that from henseforthe, no suche Conge desslier be graunted, nor election of anye Archebisshope or Bisshope, by the Deane and chapiter made: but that the kynge maye, by his letters patentes at all tymes, when any Archebisshoprliche, or Bisshoprliche be voyde, conferre the same to anye persone, whome the kynge shall thynke mete. The whiche collation so by the kynges letters patentes made, and deliuered to the person, to whom the kynge shall confer the same Archebisshoprliche or Bisshoprliche, or to hys sufficient proctour and attorneye, shal stande to all ententes, constructions, and purposes, to asmuch and the same effecte, as thoughe Conge desslier had bene geuen, the election duelie made, & thesame confirmed: And that, vpon that the saide person, to whom, thesaide Archebisshoprliche, Bisshoprliche, or Suffragānshippe is so conferred, collated, or geuen maye be consecrated, and sue his liuerie or outer le mayne, and doo other thynges, aswell, as if all the sayde Ceremonies and elections had bene done and made.

Prouided alwayes, and be it enacted by aucthoritie aforesaide, That euerye suche person, to whom any collacion or gifte of any Archebisshoprliche, Bisshoprliche or Suffraganshipe shalbe geuē or collated by the kynge, hys heires, or successours, shall paye, doo, and yelde to all and

euery person, all such Fees, interestes, and dueties, as of olde tyme haue bene accoustomed to be done: any thynge in this Acte, or in anye other, to the contrary hereof in any wyse, notwithstandinge.

And where as the Archebisshoppes and Bisshoppes, and other spirituall persons in this Realme, do vse to make and sende out their Sommons, Citations, and other processe in theire awne names, and in suche fourme and maner, as was vsed in the tyme, of the vsurped power of the Bisshoppe of Rome, contrarye to the fourme and order of the Sõmons and processe of the common lawe, vsed in this Realme: Be it enacted that all aucthoritie of iurisdiction spirituall and temporal, is diriued and deducted from the kynges Maiestie, as supreme head of theis Churches and Realmes of Englande and Irelande, & so iustelye acknowledged by the Clergie of the saide Realmes: And that all courtes Ecclesiasticall, within the sayde twoo Realmes, be kepte by no other power, or aucthoritie, either forepne, or within the realme, but by ỹ aucthoritie of his moste excellente Maiestie: Be it therfore further enacted by the aucthoritie afore saide, that all Sommõs and Citations, or other processe ecclesiasticall, in all suites and causes of instaunce, betwixte partie & partie, in all causes of correctiõ, in all causes of bastardye, or bigamie, or enquirie, de iure patronatus, probates of testamentes, and commissions of administration, of persons deceassed, and all acquictaunces, of, & vpon accomptes, made by the exequutours, administratours, or collectours of gooddes, of anye deade person, be, from the firste daye of Julye nexte folowynge, made in the name, and with the stile of the kynge, as it is in writtes originall, or iudiciall at the cõmon lawe: And that the reste thereof, be in the name of the Archebisshoppe, or Bisshoppe, or other, hauynge ecclesiasticall iurisdiction, who hathe the cõmission and graunte of the aucthoritie ecclesiasticall immediatlie from the kynges highnes, and that his commissarie, officiall, or substitute exercisynge iurisdiction vnder him, shall putte his name in the citation, or processe after the reste.

Furthermore, be it enacted by aucthoritie aforesaide, that all maner of person or persons, who hath the exercise of ecclesiasticall iurisdiction, shall haue, from the firste date of Julye before expressed, in theire seales of office, the kynges highnes armes, decentelye sette withe certaine carectes vnder the armes, for the knowledge of the dioceese: And shall vse no other seale of iurisdiction, but wherin his maiesties armes be engrauen, vpon peyne, that if any person shall vse ecclesiasticall iurisdiction (after the date before expressed) in this realme of Englande, Wales, and other his Dominions or territoryes, and not sende, or make out the citation or processe in the kynges name, or vse anye seale of iurisdiction, other then before limited: that euerye suche offendour shall incurre, and runne in the kynges maiesties displeasure, and indignation, and suffer imprisonnemente at his highnes wille and pleasure.

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for the Seale and writynge of anye citations, or other processe, then was heretofore accustomed.

Prouided also, and be it enacted by the aucthoritie aforesaide, that the Archebisshoppe of Canturbutye, for the tyme beynge, shal vse his awne seale, and in his awne name, in all faculties & dispensations, accordynge to the tenor of an Acte thereof made: and that the sayde Archebisshoppes and Bisshopes, shal make, admitte, order, & refourme, their Chauncellours, Officialles, Commissaries, Aduocates, Proctours, and other their officers, ministers, & substitutes, and commissiōs to Suffragayne Bisshoppes in their awne names, vnder their awne seales, in suche maner & fourme, as they haue heretofore vsed: & shall certifye to the courte of Tenthes, their certificates vnder their awne names, & seales, as heretofore they haue vsed, & accordynge to the statute in that case made and prouided: and likewise shall make collations, presentations, giftes, institutions, and inductions of benefices, letters of orders, or dimissories, vnder their awne names & seales, as they haue heretofore accustomed: Any thynge in this acte conteined, to the contrarie notwithstandinge.

Prouided alwayes, & be it enacted by the aucthoritie aforesaide, that all processe hereafter to be made, or awarded by anye ecclesiasticall person, or persons, for the triall of any plea, or pleas, or matter depending, or that hereafter shall depende, in any of the kynges courtes of recorde at the cōmon law, and limitted by the lawes & customes of this realme, to the spirituall courtes, to trye the same: that the certificat of the same, after the triall thereof, shalbe made in the kynges name, for the tyme beynge, and with the stile of the same kynge, and vnder the seale of the Bisshoppe graued with the kynges armes, with the name of the Bisshoppe, or spirituall officer, beyng to the reste of the same processe and certificat, and to euerye of theim.

## ¶ An acte for the punishinge of vagabondes, and for the relief of the poore and impotent persons.

### Cap. iii.

For asmuche, as ydlenes & vagabondrye is the mother and roote of all theftes, robberies, and all euill actes, & other mischiefes, and the multitude of people geuen thereto, hath allwayes bene, here wythin this realme, verie greate, and more in numbre, (as it may appere) then in other regiōs, to the greate empouerishemente of the Realme, and daungier of the kynges hyghnes Subiectes: The whyche ydlenes and vagabōdrye, all the kynges highnes noble progenitours, kynges of thys realme, and thys hyghe Court of Parliament, hathe often and wyth greate trauayle, gone aboute, and assayed with godlye actes and Statutes, to represse: Yet vntyll thys oure tyme, it hathe not had that successe,

successe, which hath bene wisshed, but partelie by foolysh pytie, & mercye of them, whiche shoulde haue sene the sayde godlie lawes exequted, partelie by the peruerse nature, and longe accustomed ydlenes of the persones, geuen to loytringe, the sayde godlye Statutes, hitherto hathe had smal effecte, and ydle & vagabonde persones, beinge vnprofitable membres, or rather ennemies of the cōmon wealthe, hath bene suffered to remayne and encrease, and yet so do: Whom, yf they should be pimisshed by deathe, Whippinge, emprisonemente, or wyth other corporall peyne, it were not wythout theyr desertes, for the example of others, and to the benefite of the cōmon wealthe, Yet yf they could be brought to be made profitable, and do seruice it were muche to be wysshed and desyred: Be it therfore enacted by the kynges hyghnes, wyth the cōsente of the Lordes spirituall and temporal, and the commons in this presente Parliament assembled, & by aucthorite of the same, fyrste that all statutes and actes of parliamente heretofore made for the punyshment of vagabondes and sturdye beggers, and all articles comprysed in the same, shalbe from hensfurthe repealed, voyde and of none effecte.

Secondlye, that whosoeuer, after the fyrste daye of Aprill nexte folowyng, Man or woman, beyng not lame, impotent or so aged or diseased with syckenes, that he or she cannot worke, not hauing landes or Tenementes, Fees, Annuites, or anye other yearely reuenewes or proffytes, whereon they may finde sufficientlye theyr lyuinge, shall, eyther lyke a seruynge man wantinge a Master, or lyke a begger or after anye other suche sorte, be lurkynge in any house, or houses, or loytringe or ydlelye wander by the hyghe wayes syde, or in Stretes in Cyties, Townes, or villages, not appliynge theim selfe to some honeste, and allowed Arte, Science, Seruice, or labor, & so do continewe by the space of thre dayes or more together, & not offer them selfes to labor with any that wyl take them, accordynge to theyr facultie: and yf no man other wyse wyll take them, doo not offer them selfes to worke for meate & drinke, or after they be so taken to worke for the space agreed betwixte them and theyr Masters, do leaue theyr worke out of conueniēte tyme, or runne away: that then euery such person, shalbe taken for a vagabonde, and that it shalbe lawfull to euerye suche Master, offeringe suche ydle person, seruice, and labor, and that beynge by hym refused, or who hathe agreed wyth suche ydle person, and from whome, wythin the space agreed of Seruice, the saide loyterer hath runne away, or departed before the ende of the couenaunte betwene them, & to any other person espiynge the same, to bryng or cause to be brought the sayde person, so lyuinge ydlelye and loytringlye to two of the nexte iustices of the peace, there resiaunte or abiding, who hearynge the profe of the ydle lyuynge of the sayde person, by the sayde space lyuinge ydlelye, as is afore sayde, approued to them by two honest wytnesses or confession of the partie, shal ymmediately cause the saide loyterer to be marked, with an hoate yron in the breaste, the marke

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of.v. and adiudge the saide person lyuing so ydlelye to suche presentor, to be his slaue: to haue and to holde the sayde slaue to hym, his Executours, or assygnes, for the space of two yeres, then next followinge, and to order the sayde slaue, as followeth: that is to saye, to take such person adiudged a slaue, wyth hym, and onely geuynge the sayde slaue, breade and water, or small drinke, and suche refuse of meate, as he shall thynke mete, cause the sayde slaue to worke, by beating, cheyning, or otherwyse, in such worke & labor, (how vyle so euer it be) as he shall put hym vnto. And yf anye maner of slaue, either for loyterynge, or for the cause before rehersed, so adiudged, shall wythin the space of the sayde two yeres here appoynted, runne awaye, departe, or absente hym from hys sayde Master by the space of fourtene dayes together, wythoute licence: Yt shall not onely be lefull to his sayde Master, to pursue, & fetche hym agayne, by vertue of thys Acte, but also to punyshe suche faulte, by cheynes, or beatinge, as is aforesayde: And agaynst the detcignor, yf any man doo willingely deteigne hym, knowynge hym to be a slaue, as is aforesayde, to haue an Action of trespasse, and recouer thereby in dāmages. x. li. besydes the costes and charges of the sute for so deteigning his sayde slaue. And further, euery suche Master, shewing and prouyng by two sufficient wytnesses, the sayde offence or faulte of his runninge awaye, before two iustices of peace, of the same coūtie, whereof the one to be of the Quorum, the same iustices shall cause such slaue or loyterer, to be marked on the forcheadde, or the balle of the chicke, with an hoate yron, with the signe of an. S. that he may be knowē for a loyterer & a runne awaye, and shall adiudge the loyterer, and rūne away, to be the sayde Masters slaue for euer. And yf such slaue shall the seconde tyme runne awaye, or absente hym selfe, Yf the sayde Master shall approue the same seconde runninge away, with two sufficiente wytnesses, before the iustice of peace in theyr generall and quarter Sessions: then euerye suche faulte and runninge awaye, to be adiudged felonye, and suche loyterer and runne away, to be taken as a Felon, and therof beynge lawfully indicted, and attainted, or otherwyse condempned, to suffre peynes of deathe, as other Felons ought to doo.

Prouided also, and be it enacted by aucthoritie aforesayde, that no Clerke conuicte, shall hereafter make his purgation, & vpon suche purgation be deliuered, and sette at large, otherwyse then is in thys Statute hereafter expressed.

And be it further enacted by aucthoritie aforesaide, that euery clerke conuicte, or hereafter to be conuicted, whych should, by the order of the lawe, enioye the benefite of theyr purgation, shal, and maye from hence furthe finde anye man (yf they can) who shalbe bounde, with two sufficiente sureties, to the ordinarye, in the summe of. xx. li. to the kynges byghnes vse, to reteigne the sayde conuicte, as his slaue, and to kepe the sayde person so conuicte, for the space of one yere then nexte folowynge,

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that he shal not go abrode, and at large: & then the sayd conuicte shalbe deliuered to the sayde person, so takinge the same, and beyng bounde, as aforesayde, to bee hys slaue, for one whole yere, then nexte followynge, by vertue of thys acte, in all suche maner and sourme, and to all suche ententes and purposes, & with all such Order, Lawes, Conditions, and penalties, for runninge away, or other, as is aforesayde of a vagabonde taken loyteringe and made a slaue, (burninge in the breaste onely excepte:) and the ordinarie by the deliuerie of the saide conuicte, to such person beynge bounde, as aforesayde, to be of the kepinge of the sayde conuicte, clerelie discharged and exonerated by vertue of thys acte.

And yf so be, that the sayde clerke so conuicte, cannot fynde any man, to be bounde, as is aforesayde, to whome he maye be adiudged a slaue, in the space of one yere: Then at any tyme, after the ende of one yere, after his cõuiction, it shalbe lawfull for the sayde clerke conuicte, to make his purgation, as he might before this estatute, any thynge in this presente acte to the contrarye notwithstandynge.

And where as clerkes conuicted or attaynted, by the order of the lawes of thys Realme, cannot make theyr purgation, and shoulde perpetually, by the same, remayne in prison: Be it neuertheles enacted by the aucthoritie aforesayde, that yf there be any maner of person, who wyl at any tyme demaunde the same clerke conuicted or attaynted, & be bound to the ordinarie with two sufficiente suretics, as is aboue writte, to kepe the same as hys slaue, by the space of fyue yeares then nexte folowynge, that then the same shalbe adiudged his slaue, for like space, with all such orders, lawes, and penalties, for runnynge awaye, and other orders, as is before expressed of a vagabounde, adiudged to anye man, for a slaue (the burnynge in the breaste onely excepte) and vpon the adiudgement delyuered to suche demaundaunte, the ordinarie from thensfurthe, of the keppynge of suche clerke conuicted or attaynted, clerely exonerated and discharged by vertue of this acte.

And forasmuch, as diuers women and men, goeth on beggynge wayfaringe, of the which, some be impotente & lame, and some hable enough to labor, whiche doo carye chyldren aboute with them, some .iiii. or .v. yeres of age, or ponger, or elder, which brought vp in idlenes, myght be so rooted in it, that hardely they may be brought after, to good thryfte and labor, or yf any chylde, aboue the age of fyue yeres, and vnder the age of fourteene yeres, goo idelye wanderinge aboute as a vagabounde: Be it enacted by the aucthoritie aforesaide, that yf anye maner of person, wyll take any suche chylde, be it male or female, of, & from any suche begger, beynge the mother therof, nourycer, or keper, whether they be willynge, or not, or without any suche nourice, mother, or keper, by him selfe wanderinge, & bringe the sayde chylde so taken awaye, before one of the constables of the parishe, and two other honest & discrete neyghbours, wytnesses, and before any iustice of peace, there restaunte and abydyng, and

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promysse to bryng the same chylde vp in some honest labor, or occupation, tyll he, or she come to the age of .xx. yeres the womā chylde, or .xxiiii. the man chylde: That then, and immediatly the sayd iustice of peace and constable, shall adiudge, by vertue of thys acte, the sayd chylde vnto the ages before specified, to be seruauntes or apprentecesse to the sayde persons, so takynge and promisyng, to be vsed and ordered in all poyntes, accordyng as the lawe and custome of thys Realme, is of Seruauntes and apprentices, to what labor, occupation, or seruice so euer, the sayde Master shal appoynte him, or her, durynge the sayd tyme. And if it shall fortune suche chylde so adiudged, to runne awaye at anye tyme, once, or moo tymes, frō his, or her master, or maistres: that then it shalbe lawful for euery suche Master, to take the sayd chylde agayne, and to kepe and punishe the sayd chylde, in cheynes, or otherwyse, & vse him, or her, as his slaue, in all poyntes, for ꝑ tyme before rehersed of the age of such chylde, that is to saye, tyll twentie the womā chylde, & the man chylde .xxiiii.

Prouided alwayes, that any Master, either of the men, or of the women, so adiudged slaues, or of the chyldrē adiudged apprentices or seruauntes, maye lette, set further, sell, bequeathe, or geue the seruice & labor of suche slaues or seruauntes, so adiudged, as is aforesayde, to any person, or persones, to whom so euer he wyll, vpon suche condition, and for suche tyme of yeres, as the sayde persons be adiudged to him, for slaues, seruauntes, or apprenteces, after suche lyke sorte and maner, as he may do of any other his moueable gooddes or cattalles: and they for the sayd space and tyme, to be bounde to all poyntes and constructions, to suche lessee, donee, vendee, or assignee, as they were to their fyrst apprehenders and Masters, by vertue of this statute.

Prouided alwayes, and be it enacted by aucthoritie aforesayd, that if any suche slaue, or slaues, or chyldrē, so adiudged, shal at any tyme after such adiudgemēt, mayme, or wounde, their masters or maistresses, in resistyng their corrections, or otherwyse: or where they be Manumitted, and set agayne free, or in the tyme of their seruice, shall cōspire with any other, or by them selfes go about to murder & kyl, or to mayme, wounde, or beate the saide Master or Maistres, or any that was their Master or Maistres, or to burne their houses, barnes, or corne, so that their entente come to an acte tendynge to the effecte: that then euerye suche mayme or wounde, or the goynge about to murder, kylle, mayme, wounde, or beate such person or persons, as be, or were their Masters or Maistresses, or to burne their houses, barnes, or corne, so that their entente do come to any acte, tendyng to the same effecte, as lyinge in wayte with a weapō, or any suche lyke, shalbe accompted Felonie, and they shall suffer therfore peynes of death, as in case of Felonie: excepte that any suche person or persons, as be, or had bene Master or Maistres to any of them, or he refusyng, any other wyll take such person so offending, to their slaues, & then he, or she so offending, to be adiudged to ꝑ person, so willing to take him

or her, so offendyng slaue for euer, and therupon to be discharged of the Felonie. The same law & order to be had in all conditions, yf it shoulde chaunce the father, mother, nourice, or other ꝑ bearer about of the childe, or any other person, or persons, to steale away such childe adiudged apprentice or seruaũte, that is, to be slaue to such apprentices or seruaũtes master, whose apprentice or seruaũte was so stollen or entised away, for euer: & the master neuertheles to take & receyue his sayde apprentice or seruaunt agayn, as yf the sayde takyng away had neuer be done.

Be it also enacted by aucthorite aforesayde, that although ther be no man, which shal demaũde such loyterer, or loyterers, as before expressed, unto their seruice: Yet neuertheles, the iustice of peace in that Citie, Borrough, Towne, or hũdreth dwellyng, yf any such be, or els any other iustice of peace of thesame shyre & also there dwellyng, by his, or their office, shalbe hereafter boũde, by vertue of this acte, not onely to enquire of all such ydle persons, but also, yf they do espye any such vagabondes, or ydle person, or yf any such be detected vnto them, to examine him, or her, of the tyme of their vagaboundrye: & yf it shall appere to any iustice of peace, any such man, or womã to haue been a vagaraunt & vagabound, or ydle person, by the space, as is aforesayde, to cause thesame to be marked on the breaste with an. V. made with an hoate yron: & also to learne and enquyre of him, the Towne, Citie, or Village, wherin he was borne, and then shall immediatlye geue a writynge in parchemente sealed with his seale, to thesayd loyterer, of the tenor and forme, which here ensueth. A.B. iustice of peace in the countie of. S. to the Baiour, or chefe officer of the Citie of. Q. yf it be a Citie: or to the head Borrough Bailief, or Cõstable, or head officer of ꝑ Towne of. Q. yf it be a Towne: or to the Cõstable or tythinge man of the Village of. C. yf it be a Village, gretinge. Accordyng to a moste godlye statute made in the fyrst yere of the reigne of our Mouereigne Lorde kyng Edward the sixte, &c. We haue taken this bearer. I.K. vagaraũtely, & to the euell example of others, without master, seruice, or labor, whereby to gette his lyuinge, goyng loyterynge, and ydelye aboute. And because thesame saieth, he was borne in. C. in the countie of. S. wherof you are the head officer or Constable, We haue sent hym to you to be ordred accordyng to ꝑ purporte and effecte of the same statute, And with this writyng, ſ, all delyuer the same loyterer to ꝑ constables, or other heade officer of thesayd Citie, Towne, or village, wherin such loyterer was take, to be safely cõueyghed by them, to the next constables, and so from constables to constables, & other heade officers, tyll he or she be brought to ꝑ place, the which, he, or she hath named themselfe to be borne in, & then to be deliuered to ꝑ head officer or constable of that same Citie, Borrough, or Towne, Village, Hãlette, or parysh, there to be nourished and kepte of the same Citie, Towne, or Village, in cheynes, or otherwyse, eyther at the common workes in amendynge byghe wayes, or other cõmon worke, or frõ man to mã in order, tyl they which may beare,

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be equally charged, to bee ſlaue to the corporacion of the citie, or to the inhabitauntes of the toune, or billage, that he, or ſhe, wer borne in, after al ſuche forme, condicion, ſpace of yeres, orders, punifhmentes for runnyng awaie, and all others, as are expreſſed of a commō, or priuate perſone, to whom any ſuche loyterer is adiudged a ſlaue. And the ſaid citie toune, or billage, ſhall ſee the ſaied ſlaue beyng hable to labor, ſette on woorke, and not liue idelly within the ſaied precinctes, vpon pein, that for euery ſuche defaulte, that the ſaied ſlaue dooth liue idelly, by the defaulte of the citie, borrough, or toune, or billage, by the ſpace of three woorkyng daies together, the citie to forfeit. x.l. a borrough, or toune incorporate. xl. s. and other toune or billage. xx. s. whereof the one haulf to the kyng our ſouereigne Lorde, the other to hym that will ſue for the ſame, in any of the kynges Courtes of Recorde, by bill, infformacion, or accion of debte, in the whiche ſuites, no eſſoyne, wager of lawe, or protection ſhalbe allowed.

Prouided, and be it enacted, that the citie, toune, and borrough corporate, by the conſent of the more part of the corporacio: and the toune and billage not corporate, by the conſent of the more parte of the inhabitauntes thereof, maie ſet, ſell, or geue awaie, the right, title and intereſt of the ſaied ſlaue, to any other perſone, as any other common or priuate perſone maie do, with his ſlaue, by the vertue of this acte.

Prouided alwaies, and be it enacted, that if it fortune, when the ſaid vagabond is brought to the ſaied citie, toune, or billage, where the ſaid perſone ſaied, he was borne, to appere and bee manifeſt, that he or ſhe was not there borne: that then for ſuche lye, the ſaied vagaraunt ſhalbe marked in the face with an. s. and be ſlaue to the inhabitauntes, or corporacion of the citie, toune, or billage, where the ſaid vagarañt ſaied he was borne in, for euer, vpō ſuche condicions, & orders, in al pointes, as of a ſlaue marked in the face, is before expreſſed. The ſame lawe, & order in all poyntes to be had of all vagaraunt perſones, & vagabondes, beyng borne in any other nacio or coūtrey, then this realme, as is before expreſſed, of Engliſhe idle perſons, (marking in the breaſt or face only excepted) that is, to be had to the next port, and ther to be kept of the inhabitauntes of the ſaid next port, in cōuenient labor, and frō idlenes, or otherwiſe, till thei maie be conueighed ouer: & then at the coſtes of the inhabitaūtes of the ſaid port, to be conueighed ouer into their coūtreis.

And for aſmuche as there is many mayned & otherwiſe lamed, ſore, aged and impotent perſones, whiche reſorteth to the citie of London, & to other cities, tounes, and billages, on beggyng: whoſe cōmyng together, and makyng a nūber, doth fill the ſtretes or high waies, of diuerſe cities, tounes, markettes, and faiers, who, if thei wer ſeperated, mought eaſely be nouriſhed in the tounes and places, wherin thei wer borne, or where thei were, or haue been moſte conuerſaunte and abidyng by the ſpace of three yeres: be it therfore enacted by the auctheritie afore ſaied,

that all and ſinguler Maiours, Shirieſes, Baylieſes, Conſtables, or other hedde officers of any citie, toune, or hundreth, to whiche, ſuche reſort is, or ſhalbe, ſhall, before the Purification of our Lady next folowyng, ſe all ſuche idle, impotent, maymed, and aged perſones, who otherwiſe cannot by their diſcrecions bee taken for vagabondes, whiche were borne within theſaied citie, toune, or hundred, or hath been there moſte conuerſaunt and abidyng by the ſpace of thre yeres, as is afore-ſaied, and now decaied, beſtowed and prouided for, of tenauntries, Cotages, or other conuenient houſes, to be lodged in, at the coſtes & charges of theſaid cities, tounes, borroughes, and villages, there to be relieuedand cured, by the deuocion of the good people, of theſaied citie, borrough, toune, or village: and that thei do not ſuffre, after the time before reherſed, any other, then ſuche, as either were borne, or hath been for the moſte part conuerſaunt, or abidyng, by the ſpace aforeſaied, in theſaied citie, borrough, village, or toune, to remain and begge abrode within the precinctes of ſuche cities, tounes, villages, or hundrethes: vpon pein, that euery ſuche Maiours, Shirieſes, and Balieſes, Conſtable, or other hedde officer, by what name ſoeuer he bee called, ſufferyng any perſones to begge within the precinct of his, or their ſuche iuriſdicciō, other then is before reherſed, for euery three daies, ſhall forfaite. x. s. to whom ſoeuer will ſue therfore, by bill, informacion, or accion of debt, in any Courte of Record, in the whiche ſuites, none eſſoyne, wager of lawe nor protection ſhalbe allowed.

And for the better performaunce hereof: be it enacted by aucthoritie aforeſaid, that the Maiour of the citie of Lōdon, & all other Maiours, Bailieſes, Shirieſes, Conſtables, and other hed officers of euery citie, toune corporate, doo, with all conuenient ſpede by theimſelfes, or their ſufficient deputies, by them appointed, before the feaſt of the Purification next commyng, and ſo from time to tyme, euery moneth once, make a vieu and examinacion of aged, impotent and lame perſons, beggers, as bee within the precincte of their iuriſdiction, and ſee all ſuche, as were not borne, nor hath been for the moſte parte conuerſaunt and abidyng there, by the ſpace of three yeres complete, conueighed on horſebacke, Carte or Chartotte, or otherwiſe, as ſhall ſeme by their diſcrecions, to the nexte Conſtables, and thei to conueigh theſame to the nexte Conſtables, and ſo from Conſtables to Conſtables, till theſaied perſones be brought to the place, where thei wer borne, or moſte conuerſaunt and abidyng, as is aforeſaied, there to be prouided for, kept and nouriſhed of almoſe, as is aforeſaid: vpon the pein, that euery ſuche Maiour Shirrief, or Conſtable, hed Borrough, or hed officer not makyng vieu, not ſendyng, or conueiyng awaie, not receiuyng, or not prouidyng, as is before appoynted, accordyng to the true purport or meanyng of this acte, to forfeit for euery ſuche defaulte. xl. s. Whereof the one haulfe to the kinges vſe, the other, to the partie that wil ſue therfore in any of the

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kynges Courtes of Recorde, by bylle, information, action of debte, in the which suites, none essoyne, wager of law, nor protection shalbe allowed.

Prouided alwayes, that yf any of thesayed aged, maymed or impotēt persones, of the Cytees, Townes, or Villages, where they were borne in, or had their moste abydyng, as aforesayed, bee not so lame or unpotent, but that they maie worke in some maner of worke: that then such Citee, Towne, Parishe, or Village, do eyther in common prouyde some suche worke for theim, as they maye be occupied in, or appoynt theim to suche as wyll fynde theim worke, for meate and drynke. And yf they refuse of wilfulnesse and stubburnesse to worke, or do runne awaye, and begge in other places, then to punishe thesame accordyng to their discretions, with sheynyng, beatyng, or otherwise, as shall seme to them conuenient. And for the more furtheraunce of the relief of suche, whiche are in vnfayned misery, and to whom charitie ought to be extended: be it enacted by aucthoritie aforesayed, that euery Sundaye and holy daye, after the readyng of the Gospel of the daie, the Curate of euery Parrishe, do make, accordyng to suche talent as God hath greuen hym, a Godly and brief exhortation to hys Parrishioners: mouynge and exciting theim, to remembre the poore people, & the duetie of Christian charitie, in releuyng of them, whiche be their brethren in Christe, borne in thesame Parrishe, and nedyng their healpe.

Prouided alwayes, that yf it shall chaunce, anye suche adiudged apprentice, seruaunt, or slaue, as is before rehersed, to haue inheritaunce descended vnto hym, or her, or any other wayes, be, by the lawes of this realme, warde, or bonde manne, or neif of bloode, by, or from any of his auncestors, to any persone or persones: That then it shalbe lawfull to anye suche persone or persones, to whom any suche warde, bonde man, or neif shall apperteigne, to seale and take suche wardes, bonde menne, or neifes, and theim to reteigne and kepe, as their wardes, bonde men, or neifes. And thesayed wardes, bonde men and neifes shalbe discharged of thesayed slauerye, or other seruitude or bondage, aboue rehersed: This estatute, or any thyng therein conteigned, to the contrarye in any wyse notwithstandyng.

And also be it enacted, that yf anye suche seruaunt, apprentice, slaue, or slaues, which shall haue at any tyme hereafter any aduauncement or lyuyng, accrue, come, or growe vnto hym, or any of them, whereby he, or they maye haue a conuenient lyuyng, that then, and from thensefurthe, he, or they so beyng aduaunced, to be discharged of their slauerye, seruitude and bondage: this acte, or any thyng therein conteigned to the contrary in any wyse notwithstandyng: Any woman beyng a seruaunt, apprentice or slaue, as is aforesayed, beyng maryed within the age of. xx. yeres, without the assent of her Master, vntill she shall accomplishe and come to thesayed age of. xx. yeres, onely excepted.

Be it also enacted, that all leprouse and poore beddered creatures,

whatsoeuer they be, maye at their awne libertie, remayn and continue in suche houses, appoynted for leprouse, or beddred people, as they now be in & shall not be cōpelled to repaire into any other courtries or places, by the vertue of this acte, any thyng therin conteyned to the contrary notwithstandyng. And that also it shalbe lefull vnto thesaied leprouse and beddered people, for their better reliefes, to appoynte their Proctor or Proctors, so there be not appoynted aboue the numbre of two persones, for any one house of leprouse & beddred people, to gather the charitable almose of all suche inhabitauntes, as shalbe within the compasse of .iiii. miles of any of thesayed houses of lepres, and beddred persones.

And be it ordeyned and enacted by the auctoritie abouesayed, that it shalbe lawfull to euery persone, to whom anye persone in forme abouesayed shalbe adiudged a slaue, to put a ryng of yron aboute hys necke, arme, or hys legge, for a more knowledge and suertye of the kepyng of hym. And that yt any persone or persones do take, or healpe to take any suche bonde of yron from any suche slaue, that then euery persone so doyng without the licence or assent of his Master, shall forfaicte for euery suche defaulte, ten poundes sterlyng.

Be it further enacted, that this present acte, shall, before the first daye of Marche next commyng, be openly proclaimed in euery cytie Corporate, Toune, and market Toune, vpon the market daye: and also from thensefurth shall yerely be redde in euery shire openly in twoo generall quarter sessions of the peace, that is to saye, at the generall quarter sessions after Midsomer, and the generall quarter sessions next after Christemas, to the intent, that euery persone maye haue knowledge thereof, and that this acte shall indure vnto the ende of the next parliament.

Prouided alwayes, & be it enacted, that it shalbe lawfull to the lorde Chauncellor of Englande, or the lord keper of the greate Seale for the tyme beyng, at their discretions, to graunt Commission vnder the great Seale of Englande, to euery, or any persone or persones, that hath, or shall haue his, or their houses or barnes burnt, or such losses, to gather the relief and charitie of others, for their ayde and healp, of hys or their losses, decaye, or hinderaūce, as in tymes past hath been vsed: any thyng conteigned in this acte notwithstandyng.

An acte for tenures holden in Capite.

¶ The .iiii. Chapiter.

Here before this tyme, ambiguities, questions, and doubtes haue been moued and styrred in dyuerse and sundery the kynges Courtes of Recorde, whether such Honors, Castelles, Mannours Landes, Tenementes and other Hereditamentes are holden of the Kyng in Capite, whiche any hys louyng subiectes do holde by Knyghtes seruice, Soccage, or other seruices of the Kyng, as of hys Duchies,

Erledomes,

Erledomes, Baronies, Honors, Castelles, Mannours, Landes, Tenementes, Fees, and Seigniories, whiche haue come to the handes and possession of diuerse of his highnesse mooste noble Progenitors, by Attaindor of treason, misprysion of treason, Attaindors of premunire, and prouision had and doen by acte of Parliament, by verdicte, confession, conuiction, or vtlagary, and offyces or no offyces thereupon founde, or by the dissolution, surrendre, or geuyng vp to the kyng, or to anye hys noble Progenitors, of anye Religious or Ecclesiasticall houses or places, or of any Mannours, Landes, Tenementes, and other Hereditamentes, to any of thesame Religious or Ecclesiasticall houses or places in any wyse appertcignyng or belongyng, or no: By meanes of whiche doubte so moued, his sayed humble and obedient subiectes and tenauntes haue been heretofore muche vnquieted, molested and greued: wherfore the kyng oure souereigne Lorde, myndyng and entierly desiryng the quietnes of his sayed subiectes, and that the certayntie of his lawes in that behalfe might be knowen and declared to hys sayed louyng subiectes, for a playn declaration and resolution to be had, of, for, and concernyng the premysses, at the humble petition and suyte of the Lordes and Commons in this present Parliament assembled, doeth ordeyn, declare and enacte by the assent of the Lordes spirituall & temporall, and of the Commons in this present Parliament assembled, and by the auctoritie of thesame, that all suche Honors, Castels, Mannours, Landes, Tenementes, & other Hereditamentes, & euery of them, which now be, or at any tyme hereafter shalbe holden of the kyng, or of any of his heires or successors, by any of his sayed subiectes, by knightes seruice, Socage or otherwyse, as of any of his or their Dukedomes, Erledomes, Baronies, Castelles, Mannours, Landes, Tenementes, Fees, or Seigniories, which be come to the kyng, or his moste noble Progenitors, or hereafter shall come to the kyng, his heires, or successors, by meanes of any suche Attainder, Conuiction, Vtlagary, or of any suche dissolution, surrendre or geuyng vp of any Religious or Ecclesiasticall houses or places, or of any Mannours, Landes, Tenementes or Hereditamentes, to any of thesayed Religious or ecclesiasticall houses or places in anywise belongyng or appertcignyng, shall not from henseforthe be adiudged, demed, taken or construed, to any intent, construction or purpose, to be holden in Capite, or at Tenure in Capite: any ambiguitie, question, or doubt heretofore moued to the contrary notwithstandyng,

Prouyded allwayes, and bee it enacted by the auctoritie aforesayed, that this acte or any thyng therin conteyned, shal not in any wise be preiudiciall ne hurtfull to the kyng, his heires or successors, to for, or concernyng any wardshyp, liuerey, primer season, fine for alienation, or to or for any other profyte or aduauntage, whiche now is come, or hereafter shall, or maye come, fall or growe to the kyng, his heires, or successors, by, or from any persone, or persones, whiche now doth, or hereafter

shall holde any Honors, Seignyories, Castelles, Mannours, Landes, Tenementes, or other Hereditamentes of the kyng in Chief, as of hys person, or of anye other his auncient possessions, and beyng not come to the kyng by any suche attaynder, confession, conuiction, vtlagary, dissolution, geuyng vp, or surrender, as be abouesayed.

Prouided also, and be it enacted by the aucthoritie aforesayed, that this present acte, or any thyng therein conteigned or specifyed, shall not in any wyse, or by any meanes, geue anye aduauntage, libertie or profyte to anye Tenaunt or owner in Fee symple, of anye Honors, Mannours, Landes, Tenementes, or other Hereditamētes, which haue heretofore sued any speciall or general liuerey, or ouster le mayne, out of the handes of the kyng, or of anye his noble Progenitors, of anye Honors, Mannours, Landes, Tenementes, or other Hereditamentes, by what tenor or seruice they were, or be holden, or that haue, or shall confesse by any matter of record, any tenor in Chief of the kyng, but that they, their heires and assignes, shall haue and holde thesame Mannours, Landes, Tenementes, and other Hereditamentes, in lyke maner and fourme, as they dyd before the makyng of thys present acte, and as though thys present acte had neuer been had, ne made: any thynge aboue declared and enacted to the contrary notwithstandyng.

## An acte that no Horsses shalbe conueighed out of this realme, and other the kynges Dominions, without licence.

### The. v. Chapiter.

Where before this tyme, diuerse of the kynges subiectes, & namely of the Northe partes of this realme, aswel in time of peace as of warre, haue cōueighed, sold, geuē & deliuered out of this realme, aswel into Scotlande, as into other forreyne realmes beyonde the sea, many & diuerse great multitude of Horsses, Geldynges and Mares, which haue been thought, aswell great occasion, strenght, and boldnesse to the Scottishmen, & other the kynges forreyne enemies, hauyng in possession thesame Horsses, Geldynges, & Mares, in tyme of warre to inuade this realme, as also a great decay of the good breede of Horsses and Mares, which before this tyme hath been within this realme, to the greate detriment & hinderaūce of the kynges poore subiectes, towardes the defence of this realme, and other his dominiōs: For remedie whereof, be it therfore enacted by oure souereigne lorde the kyng, & by the cōmons in this present Parliamēt assembled, & by the auctoritie of thesame, that if any persone, or persones, after the firste daye of January next commyng, do sell, exchaunge, geue, conueigh, or deliuer, into the realme of Scotland, to the vse of any Scottishemān, or do cary, geue, exchaunge, sell, sende, conueigh, or delyuer into anye place beyonde the sea, out of his realme,

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or the dominiōs of thesame, any Horse, Geldyng, or Mare, without speciall licēce, therfore to be obteined, of the kynges highnes, or of his heires, vnder thē great seale of this realme, or vnder the priuie signate: or if any persone, or persones, after thesaied first daie of January, do sell, exchaunge, geue, or deliuer to any Scottishman within this realme of Englād or Wales, the toune of Berwicke, or the Marchies of thesame to the intent to bee conueighed into Scotlande, any Horse, Geldyng, or Mare, or do conueigh or cary, any Horse, Mare, or Geldyng, into any forein parties beyonde the sea, without like speciall licence obteined of the kynges highnes, or of his heires, vnder the great seale, or priuie signate, as is aforesaid: that then thesame person and persones, so offendyng, contrary to this acte, shall lose and forfeit to our said soueteigne Lorde, and his heires, thesame Horse, Mare, or Geldyng, so caried and conueighed, and shall also lose and forfeite the summe of .xl.l. for euery such Horse, Geldyng, or Mare, so to be conueighed and caried in forme aforesaied: wherof the one moytie to be to the kyng, and the other moytie to hym, or theim, that will sue for thesame, by informacion, accion of debte, or detinue, in any of the kynges Courtes of Recorde, in whiche suite, no wager of lawe, essoyne, ne proteccion shalbe allowed: And that also all, and euery persone and persones so offendyng, contrary to this acte, shall suffre imprisonment by the space of one whole yere.

And be it further enacted by thauctoritie aforesaid, that it shalbe lefull, aswell to the wardein and wardens of the East, West, and middle Marches, for the tyme beyng, in their warden Courtes, as also, to all & euery the kynges Justices of peace, in euery shire, aswell in Englande, as in Wales, in their quarter sessiōs, to inquire of all & euery offence or offences, hereafter to be perpetrated, cōmitted or doen, contrary to this act: and that it shalbe lefull to all and euery person & persōs, beyng the kynges subiectes, to arrest & imprison euery Scottishman, and al and euery other person & persons, whiche shal leade, or conuey, contrary to the meanyng of this act, any such Horse, Geldyng, or Mare, out of this realme into thesaid realme of Scotland, or into any other forein place beyond the sea, other then suche persons, as hereafter shal haue sufficiēt warraunt, by, or from the kynges highnes or his heires, vnder his, or their great seale, or priuie signate, accordyng to ẏ meanyng of this act.

Prouided alwaies, & be it enacted by the aucthoritie aforesaied that if the kyng our soueteigne Lorde, his heires or successors, at any tyme hereafter, vnder his greate seale, or priuie signate, do geue licence, to any person or persones, to cary or conueigh any Horses, Mares, or Geldynges into Scotlande, or into any parties beyonde the sea, or els doo geue aucthoritie, power, or cōmaundement, to any persone or persones, by warraunt, vnder the kynges great seale, to licence any other person or persones, to cary, or cōueigh any Horses, Mares, or Geldynges into Scotland, or into any parties beyond the sea, that then it shalbe lefull,

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alswell to al & singuler person & persons, hauyng suche licence vnder ye kynges great seale, or priuie signate, as to all & euery other person, and persōs, hauyng licēce in writyng vnder the seale of suche person, or persons, to whō, the kyng shal geue aucthoritie, power, or cōmaūdemēt in forme abouesaid, to licence other person, or persons, to cary, or cōueigh any Horsses, Mares, or Geldynges, into Scotland, or into any parties beyond the sea, to cary & cōuey suche numbre of Horses, Geldynges, & Mares, or any of thē into Scotland, or into any of the parties beyond the sea, as shalbe mēcioned in any such licēce, as is before specified, any thing mencioned in this act to the cōtrary in anywise notwithstādyng.

Prouided alwaies, and bee it enacted by the aucthoritie aforesaied, that this acte, ne any thyng therein conteined, shall in anywise extend, to any persone, or persones, whiche at any tyme hereafter, shall cary, or conueigh any Horse, Mare, or Geldyng, into Scotlande, or into any other foreyne parties beyonde the sea, to serue the kyng in his warres, with thesame Horses, Mares, or Geldynges, any thyng mencioned in this acte, to the contrary in any wise notwithstandyng.

And to thintent the kynges maiestie shall not hereafter be deceiued, in the numbre of suche Horses, Mares, or Geldynges, whiche hereafter shalbe caried and conueyed into Scotland, ne, that the parties, whiche hereafter shal obtein any licence by force of this acte, for the cariage or conueyaunce, of any Horses, Mares, or Geldynges, to be caried or cōueyed into Scotlād: be it therfore enacted by the aucthoritie aforesaid that all and euery suche persone and persones, whiche hereafter shalbe licenced, accordyng to this acte, to cary or conuey, any Horses, Mares, or Geldynges, into Scotland, shall, before thesame cariage, or conueiaunce, vpon the pein of forfaiture of thesaid Horse, Mare, or Geldyng, or the double value therof: wherof the one moytie to be to the king, and the other moytie to hym, or them, that will sue for thesame by suche like accion, as before is limited in this acte, shew his, or their said licence, to one of the thre wardens of the thre Marches of England, to the intent that one of thesaid wardens shall cause the numbre of thesaied Horses, Mares, or Geldynges, so licenced to be conueyed into Sctolande, not onely to bee kalendard in a boke, to remain in his awne custodie, but also to be indorsed, and written on the backe side of thesaid licence, and thesame endorsement to be signed with the hande of thesaid warden.

Prouided alwaies, that it shalbe lefull to euery of the kynges subiectes, that shall passe ouer beyond the sea, to shippe and cary with them, Horses, or Geldynges, for their onely occupacion in their iourneis, and not to the intent to sell thesame beyonde the sea: and that intent to bee iudged, by the othe of hym, or them, that so will cary ouer any Horse, or Geldyng, whiche othe shalbe taken before the Customars, or their deputies, or searcher of euery suche porte, where thesame Horse, or Geldyng, shalbe shipped before the shippyng thereof.

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Prouided alwaies, that the Warde of the fiue portes, now beyng, or hereafter to be, maie perely at his pleasure, geue sixe Horsses or Geldinges, & no more, within one yere, at one, or diuerse tymes, vpō like peine, as is aforesayde, to any persone or persones, in the parties beyonde the seas, beynge in amitie with the kynges highnes, or his successors: this acte or any thyng therein, to the contrary notwithstandyng.

Prouided also, that this acte, nor any thyng therin mencioned, be in any wyse hurtfull or preiudiciall to the Master of the kynges Horsses now, & hereafter to be, for such thinges & cōmodities, as shall, & do concerne his office: any thyng in this acte, to the cōtrary notwithstandyng.

Prouided also, that it shalbe lefull to anye the kynges subiectes, to cary, or sende into any partes beyonde the sea, any Wares, whereof the price of any one Ware, so to be caried, doth not extende .x. s. in suche and lyke maner, as Wares, beynge of the price of .vi. s. viii. d. haue been, or might haue been conueighed ouer the seas, before the makynge of this acte: any thynge in thys acte, or in any other acte or actes, heretofore made to the contrary hereof notwithstandyng.

## An acte for the contynuaunce of makyng of woolsted yarne in Norfolk.

### Cap. vi.

Where the greatest and almoost the whole numbre of the poore inhabitaūtes of the Countye of Norfolk, and the citie of Norwich, be, and haue bene heretofore for a great tyme mayntcyned, and gotten their lyuynge by spynnynge of the wolles, growynge in thesayd Countye of Norfolk, vpon the rocke into yarne, & by all thesayd tyme haue vsed to haue their accesse to cōmon marketes within thesaid Countie and Citie, to bye theire wolles there to be spunne as is aforesayd, of certayne persones called Retailers of thesame wolles by eight penywoorth, and twelue penywoorth at one tyme or theraboute, and haue not vsed to bye, ne can bye their sayde wolles of the breders of thesame wolles by suche small percelles, aswell, for that thesayed breders of thesayed wolles wyll not sell their sayed wolles by suche small percelles, as also for that the moost parte of thesayed poore persones, dwel farre of from thesayed breders of thesayed wolles. And forasmuche as by an acte of parliament made in the .xxxvii. yere of the reigne of the noble kynge of famous memory Henry the .viii. all persones be restreyned vpon a greate peyne, to bye any wolles to sell thesame agayne, except merchauntes of the Staple, for the onlye prouisyon of the Staple, as in thesayed acte emonge other thynges more at large it is conteyned: therefore thesayde Retaylers of wolles in thesaied Countye of Norfolk and Citie of Norwiche, which heretofore haue vsed to bye wolles, and to sell them agayne

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to the sayed poore persones in ouert merkettes as is aforesayed, haue sence the makynge of thesayde statute in eschewynge the daungier and peyne prouided by thesame, ceassed and leite to bye thesayde wolles, for the reliefe of thesayd poore persones: By reason wherof, thesame poore persons inhabitynge within thesaide coũtie of Norfolk and citie of Norwych, that hath heretofore bene spynners, and maynteined by spynnynge of thesayd wolles, be now vnoccupied & vnset aworke, and a great numbre of them inforced to begge for lacke of worke, to the vtter decaye and cuyne of the poore people of thesayde countie and cytie, and the inhabitaũtes therof, onlesse some remedy be therin prouided: In cõsideration wherof, it maye please the Kynges moost royall maiestie, by the assent of the lordes spirituall and temporall, and the cõmons in this present parliament assembled, & by aucthoritie of thesame, that all and euery person and persones dwellyng and inhabityng within thesaied countie of Norfolk and Citie of Norwiche, or in either of them, by his, or themselfes, or by his, or their factours, seruaũt, or seruaũtes, maye lawfully from henceforth, without peyne, forfaicture, daũgier, or breache of any law or ordinaunce, to bye and bargayn wolles, and take and make prouision to bye or bargayne wolles, growyng, or that shall growe only within thesayed countie of Norfolk, in as large and lyke maner and fourme, as thesame inhabitauntes within thesayed countie & Cytie, might, and did vse to do, before the makyng of thesayed acte of Parliament, and as thesayed acte of Parliament had neuer bene had or made, so that thesame persone and persones so byynge or bargaynyng, or takyng promes to bye or bargayn thesaied wolles, do sell or Retayle thesame agayne in the cõmon market, and other open place within thesayed coũtie of Norfolk or Citie of Norwiche, to any persone or persones at their pleasure and libertye that wyll bye thesame, or anye parcell therof, dwellynge and inhabitynge wythin thesaied countie and Cytie of Norwiche, or any of them, that shal or will spynne thesame wythin thesayed countye of Norfolk, and Cytie of Norwiche, or anye of them, thesayed former acte, or any article, clause or sentence therein conteyned, or anye other acte or actes, lawe or ordynaunce, heretofore made, to the contrary therof in any wyse notwithstandyng.

And where in the Parliament holden at Westmynster the.xxxiii. yere of the reygne of oure sayed late Souereygne Lorde the Kynge, yt was emongest other thynges, enacted thus as ensuethe, or lyke in effecte, that is to saye, that no persone or persones from henceforthe, shoulde bye nor cause to be boughte wythin the sayed Cytie of Norwiche, or Countye of Norfolk, anye yarne spunne of the rocke, called woolsted yarne, the whiche shoulde then after that be spunne wythin thesayed Countie or Cytie, but such person or persones beyng weuers of woolsted Russelles, Stamyne, Sayes, and suche other lyke clothes, wythin thesayed Cytie or Countye, that should weue or worke, or cause to be wouen and wrought in woolsted, Stamyne, Russelles, Sayes, and suche other lyke clothes,

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theſayd yarne ſo bought or cauſed to be bought wythin theſayde Cytie or Countey, in the Cytie of Norwyche, or in ſome market toune wythin theſayde Countey: vpon the peyne and forfaicture, for euery pound weyght of theſaid yarne called woolſted yarne, ſo bought wythi theſayd Coumtey or Cytie, and not wouen or wrought, as is aforeſaid, wythin theſaid Cytie or Country, fourty ſhillynges, ỹ one haulfe therof to be to the kyng our ſouereygn Lord, & the other haulfe therof to be to hym, or theym that ſhould then after that, ſewe for the ſame, by byll, Infformation, Actiõ of debt, or otherwyſe, in any courte of recorde, in whyche ſaid action, byl, or infformatiõ, no eſſoyne, wager of lawe, foreyn plea, or protection ſhould be allowed. And wher it is alſo ordeyned in theſayd acte that if anye perſon or perſones dyd, after the fyrſte daye of Apryll then next after theſayd acte enſuyng, ſhyp, or cary, or cõueyghe, or cauſe to be ſhypped, to carye or cõueyghe into the parties beyond the ſea, or dyd carye or cõueygh into the partes beyond the ſea, any yarne called wolſted yarne, not made or wrought in cloth, ſo that ſuche yarne wer ſpunne wythin thys realme, that then euery perſon and perſones ſo ſhyppyng, conueighyng & cariyng, or cauſyng ſuche yarne ſo to be ſhypped, caryed & cõueyghed, ſhould forfaict for euery poũd of woolſted yarne ſo ſhypped, cõueyed or caryed. xl. s. the one haulfe therof to be to our ſayd ſouereygn Lord the kyng, and the other haulfe therof to hym, or theym, that ſhould ſue for theſame, by byll, Infformacion, or action of debt in any of the kynges courtes of recorde, as in theſayd acte, theſame or the lyke in effect, more playnly dothe and may appere. And foraſmuche as theſayd acte was made and ordeyned to cõtynue and endure vntyll the parliament then after that next enſuyng, and hathe bene ſythens by other generall actes contynued vntyll thys preſent parliament, and was not by any of theſayd actes ordeyned to cõtynue for euer: It maye now pleaſe the kynges moſt excellente Maieſtye, wyth the aſſent of the Lordes ſpirituall and temporall, and the cõmons in thys preſent parliament aſſembled, and by aucthoryte of theſame, that all the afore recited acte for yarne, with al ỹ wordes, forfaictures, peynes & ſentẽces before rerpted, as theſame be, before recyted & declared, maye, from henſfurth be enacted to contynue and to be taken for an act to contynue for euer, to al intentes and purpoſes, accordynge to theſayde wordes, ſentences and the purport therof, before in thys acte recyted.

Prouided allwaye, that it ſhalbe lefull to euery perſon and perſones, beyng a hat maker or hat makers, dwellyng wythin theſayde Cytie of Norwyche, to bye ſuche of theſaid woolſted yarne, as is called & knowen by the name of myddell vſſe yarne, as they and euery of theim haue heretofore done and vſed to do, ſo that theſame myddell vſſe yarne, ſo bought by theſayd hat makers or hat maker, be wrought in hattes, or employed to hat makyng, wythin theſayd Cytie: any thyng before recyted, to the contrary therof notwythſtandyng.

## ¶ Cap. vii.

### ¶ An acte for the contynuaunce of actions after the deathe of any Kyng.

Where ye kinges subiectes heretofore haue, to their great costes, charges, and expenses prosecuted and sued dyuerse and sundrye actions, aswell reall and personal, as all other actions, myxt, or otherwyse, in the Kynges Maiesties courtes and other courtes of recorde, not only by writtes, but also by pleynt, or billes, whyche actions, sutes, bylles and pleyntes, by the deathe, or demyse of the Kynges of thys realme, haue bene dyscontynued, & the parties in euery suche actions, sutes, bylles, and pleyntes, therby haue bene put wythoute daye, wherby the demaundauntes, pleyntiffes, and actors in euery suche action and sute were compelled and dryuen by the ordre of the lawes of thys realme, for their further reamedy, to commence and begynne agayn, hys, or their sayde Actions, Sutes, or pleyntes, or els to prosecute, and sue Resommons, Attachementes, Scire facias, or suche other lyke processe, to reuyue his or theyr sayd actions, sutes or pleyntes, whyche was not only to theyr great costes, charges, expenses, hynderaunces and delaye of their causes and sutes, but also a great let and hynderaunce of iustice: for reformation wherof, be it ordeyned, establysshed and enacted by the Kyng our souereygn Lord, and the Lordes and Commons in thys present Parliament assembled, and by the aucthorite of thesame, that from hensfurth by the deathe or demise of the kynges Maiestie, that now is (whose lyfe allmyghty God long preserue, kepe, & maynteyn in his moost royall estate) nor by the deathe or demyse of any that hereafter shalbe Kyng of this realme, any action, sute, byl, or pleynt now, or that hereafter shall depend betwene partie and partie in any of the courtes aforesayd, shall not in any wise be dyscontynued or put wout daye: But that the processe, pleyes, demurres and contynuaunces in euery action, actions, sutes, bylles, or pleyntes, whych nowe, or that hereafter shall depend, shal stand good and effectual, and be prosecuted and sued furth in suche maner and forme, and in thesame estate, condicion and ordre, as if thesame Kyng had lyued or contynued in full lyfe, the deathe or demyse hereafter of any Kyng of this realme not wstandyng, And that al and all maner of iudicial processe that hereafter shalbe had or pursued in the tyme of the reygn of any other Kyng, then reygned at the tyme of the pursuyte of the original, or other former processe, shalbe made in the name of the Kyng, that for the tyme shal reygn and be kyng of this realme, and that variaunce touchyng thesame processe betwene the names of the kynges, shall not be in any wyse materiall, as concernyng any default to be alleged or obiected therfore.

And also be it further established & enacted by ye aucthorite aforsaid, ye al & euery Assise of nouel disseysyn, assise of mortdauncestor, Iuris vtrum

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and atteynt, whyche at any tyme hereafter shalbe arraygned, cōmenced or sued before any of the Kynges iustices of assyse, shall not from hensfurth be dyscontynued or put wythout day by reason of death, newe cōmission, association, or not cōmyng of thesame iustices of assise, or any of theym, but shal stand good & effectual in the lawe, to al intentes, cōstructions & purposes, the death, new cōmission, association, or not commyng of thesame iustices, or any of theym in any wyse notwstandyng. ¶ And ouer ẏ, be it ordeyned & enacted by the aucthorite aforesaid, ẏ albeit any demaūdaunt or pleyntife in any maner of actiō, byll or sute, shal fortune to be made or created, duke, Archebisshop, Marques, Earle, Viscount, Barō, Bisshop, Knyght, iustice of ẏ one bench, or of ẏ other, or sergeaūt at lawe, dependyng thesame action, byll or sute, yet ẏ notwstandyng, ẏ no wryt, action or suyte, shal for suche cause, in any wyse be abatable or abated, but shall remayn in lyke force, goodnes & strength, as thesame was before, any lawe or vsage to the cōtrary in any wise notwstanding.

And also be it ordeyned & enacted by the aucthorite aforesaid, ẏ albeit any persō or persones, beyng iustice of assise, iustice of Gaole delyuery, or iustice of peace wythin any of ẏ Kynges dominions, or beyng in any other of the Kynges commissions whatsoeuer, shall fortune to be made or created Duke, Archebisshop, Marques, Earle, Viscount, Barō, Bisshop, Knyght, iustice of the one benche or of the other, or Sergeaunt at lawe, or Shirief, yet ẏ notwithstandyng, he & they shal remayn iustice & Cōmissioner, & haue full power & aucthorite to execute thesame, in lyke maner & forme, as he or they might or ought to haue done before ẏsame.

And be it ordeined & enacted by the aucthorite aforesaid, that in al cases, wher any persō or persones heretofore haue bene, or hereafter shalbe found gyltie of any maner of Treason, Murder, Māslaughter, rape, or other felony whatsoeuer, for the whyche, iudgement of death shoulde or may ensue, and shalbe repried to pryson wythout iudgement at that tyme geuen agaynst hym, her, or theim, so found giltie, that those persones that at any tyme hereafter shal by the Kynges lettres patentes be assigned iustices to deliuer the Gaole, wher any suche ꝑson or persones foūd giltie, shal remayn, shal haue full power & aucthoritie to geue iudgemēt of death agaynst suche person so found gyltie & repryed, as thesame iustices (before whom suche person or persones was, or were found giltie) myght haue done, if theyr Cōmission of Gaole delyuery had remayned & contynued in full force & strength. And ouer that, that no maner of processe or suyte, made, sued or had before any Justices of Assyse, Gaole delyuery, Oyer and terminer, Justice of peace, or other of the Kynges Cōmissioners, shal, ne in any wise be dyscōtynued by ẏ makyng & publisshyng of any new cōmissiō or associatiō, or by alteryng of the names of the Justices of Assise, Gaole delyuerey, Oyer and terminer, Justices of peace, or other the Kynges cōmissioners, but that the new Justices of Assise, Gaole delyuerey, and of the peace & other cōmissioners, may pro-

cede in euery behaulfe, as if the olde Commissions, & Justices and commissioners had styll remayned and contynued, not altered.

¶ Cap. viii.

¶ An act for confirmation of letters patentes.

Where the kynges moost excellent hyghnes, sythē the eyght and twenty day of January, in the fyrst yere of his Maiesties reygn, aswell vpon dyuerse and sundry good cōsyderaciōs his Maiestye specially mouyng, as also otherwyse, hathe bargayned, solde, exchaunged, geuen, restored and graunted by his graces seuerall lettres patentes, Indentures or other wrytynges, sealed vnder his highnes great seale of England, the seale of his duchy of lancastre, and the seale of the court of augmentaciō and the reuenues of his crowne, or any of theym, aswel to bodyes politique and corporate, as to dyuerse and sundry of his louyng & obedyent subiectes, dyuerse and sundry Honors, Castelles, Mannours, Landes, Tenementes, Rentes, Reuertions, Seruyces, Personages appropriated, Aduousyons, Tythes, Oblacions, Pencions, Porcions, Fraunchyses, Priuyleges, Libertyes and other hereditamētes, cōmodyties & proffites in fee symple, fee tayle, for terme of lyfe or lifes, or for terme of yeres, as in thesame seuerall letters patentes, Indentures and other wrytynges is mencioned and declared: In auoydyng, disturbyng, hurtyng or hynderyng of thesayd seuerall letters patentes, Indentures and other wrytynges, and of thesayd Mannours, Landes, Tenementes, Hereditamētes and other thynges in theim conteyned, sundry & many ambiguyties, doubtes and questiōs, haue, or myght hereafter happē to be moued, obiected, alleged, inuented, procured or styrred, aswell for misnamyng, mysrecitall or none recital of any of thesame Honors, Castelles, Mānours, Landes, Tenementes & other the premisses, or any percell therof, or for lack of fyndyng of officies, or inquisitions, of, and in the p̄mysses, wherby the tytle of the kynges hyghnes therin ought to haue bene foūde before the makyng of thesame letters patentes or other wrytynges, or for mysrecitall or none recital of leases therof before made, aswell of recorde, as not of record, or for lack of the certainty, myscasting, ratyng or settyng furth of the yerely values & rates of the premysses, or of the yerely Rentes reserued, of, & for the premysses, or any percell therof, mēcyoned or conteyned in any of thesaid lettres patētes, or other wrytynges, or for ẏ the premisses be, or any parte therof is valued to a more or lesse value in thesaid letters patentes or wrytynges, then thesaid Honours, Mannours, Landes, Tenemētes and other the premisses, then were, or shalbe in yerely value, or for mysnaming of the Townes, Hamlettes, parisshes or counties, where thesame Honours, Castelles, Mannours, Landes, Tenementes, Rentes, Hereditamentes & other the premisses, and euery percel therof, or any percel therof lyen or been, or for lack of the true namyng of ẏ natures, kyndes, sortes, and quantyties of thesaid possessiōs,

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or hereditamentes or any pcell therof, or for lack of ꝑ true nampng of the corporacion of thesame bodyes pollitike or Corporate, or for lack of attornement, lyuerey or season, or for mysnampng of any of the late Tenauntes or fermours of thesame premisses so solde, geuen, graunted or exchaunged, as for dyuerse & sundry other suggestions & surmyses not comprysed in thesaid letters patentes, whyche hereafter myght happen to be moued, surmysed or procured agaynst thesame lettres patentes: For remedy & reformacio wherof, be pt ordeyned and enacted by the kynges moost excellent highnes w thassent of the lordes spiritual, & temporal, & the commons in this present parliament assembled, & by ꝑ auctholite of thesame, ꝑ aswell all & euery thesaid letters patentes, indentures & other wrytynges & euery of theim sealed w or vnder ꝑ seale or seales aboue named or any of theym, made or graunted by the kynges highnes sythens the xxviii. daye of Januarii last past, as also all & synguler hys graces letters patentes, Indentures & other wrytynges hereafter, durpng hys highnes life (whyche our Lord long continue) to be had, made or graunted w or vnder any of ꝑ seales aboueseid to any body pollitike or corporate, or to any other person or persones of any Honours, Castelles, Mānours, Landes, Tenementes. Rentes, reuersions, seruices, personages, Tithes, pcions, porcios, aduousions, nominacios, presentacios, Fraūchises, liberties, & other hereditamentes, commodities, possessions & profites, of what kynde, nature or qualite so euer they or any of theim be, is, or shalbe, or by whatsoeuer name or names they or any of theim be is or shalbe named, knowen or reputed, shal stand & be taken, reputed and iudged, good, sure, perfite, effectuall & auayleable in the lawe, durpng ꝑ states in theym lymitted & specefied, to all intentes, respectes, constructions & purposes, agaynst the kyng, his heyres, & successours, wout any cōfirmacion, lycence, dispensacio or tollcracion of the kyng his heyres or successors, any ꝑ causes or matters aboue mencioned, conteyned, or hereafter durpng his said highnes lyfe, to be conteyned, had or made in any suche letters patentes, Indentures or other wrytynges, by the kyng our souereygn Lord, to the contrary in any wise notwythstandyng.

Prouided alwaye, that this act ne any thyng therin conteyned, shall not in any wyse extend to reuyue or make good any letters patētes made of any office or offices to any Cōptroller, Customer, Alneger or Sercher, ne to any letters patentes of ꝑ graunte, of any other office or offices hertofore graūted or made by our sayd souereygn Lord ꝑ kyng whyche nowe is, or be, or at any tyme hertofore haue bene adnihilated, determyned or made voyde by iudgement by auctholite of parliament or by decree, nor to any patent to be made to any person or persones for terme of yeres or durpng ꝑ minorite of any heyre, of or in any Mannours, Lādes or Tenementes, wherof any trauerse hereafter shalbe tendred wthin thre monethes after any office found & certifyed into any of the kynges courtes of recorde, ne to any leases or grauntes of any Mānours, Lā-

des, or Tenementes of our said souereign Lordes hereafter to be made vnder any of ye seales of the courtes aforesayd, cōtrary to the limitaciō, or dynaunce prouision, establyshment & aucthoritye of the same courtes, any thyng in this acte conteyned to the contrary notwythstandyng.

Prouided also and be yt enacted, that this acte nor any thing therin conteyned, shall not extend to make any letters patentes of any office or offices, to be of any other effect, force, or strēgth, then the same letters patentes were, or should haue bene before the makyng of this acte.

Prouided allwaye, and be yt enacted by the aucthorite aforesaid that al & synguler suche patentees, grauntees, donees, as any tyme hereafter duryng the lyfe of our sayd souereygn Lord (whyche allmyghtye God long preserue) shall fortune to haue or obteyne, any Castelles, Mannours, Landes, Tenementes, Tythes, pencions, porcions or other hereditamentes, of the gyft, graunt, sale or exchaunge of the Kynges Maiestye, or of the onlye gift of the Kynges Maiestye, of his moost liberall disposicion, & not soulde, whych at ye day of ye date of ye letters patentes, therof made, shalbe of more, or better yerely value to the kyng in yerely rent and farme, then shalbe conteyned, mencyoned and specefyed in any suche letters patentes and particulars therof made by the partycular surueyour or surueyours therof, & in suche bill or billes, as shalbe sygned and sealed wyth the hand or hādes of the patente or patētees therof to be exhibited to the Kynges Maiestye, or his officer or officers, wythin whose suruey the said Mannours, Landes and Tenementes and other the premisses, or any parte therof shalbe, or wythin any of theim, whyche byll shalbe sygned, sealed had and made as is aforesaid, before any byll shalbe therof ligned by the kynges maiestie: that then euery of the sayd patētees, graūtees & donees, their heyres, executors, or administratours, wythin one yere next after due profe and decrees therof made and had in the courte, wythin whose surueye the same Castelles, Manours, Lādes, Tenementes and other the premisses, or any percel therof before the said giftes and grauntes were, shall content and paye to the kyng for the same ouerplus and more value of the same Mannours, Landes, Tenementes, Tythes, pencions, porcions, and other hereditamentes to hym sold or exchaunged, after suche rate, as other Landes and Tenementes, were before to hym sold or exchaunged, and for the ouerplus and more value of suche landes and tenementes as shall happen to be geuen by ye kynges maiestye, & not sold, as is abouesaid, the said patente, his heyres, Executors or administrators shall content and paye to the kyng, after ye rate of twenty yeres purchase, so that the same profe and decree be had & made in maner and forme abouesayd wythin .x. yeres next after the date of the sayd letters patentes.

¶ An acte for the vnityng of certayn churches wythin the Cytie of York.

Where

## ¶ Cap. ix.

WHere in the auncient Cytie of Yorke and ſuburbes of the ſame, there is many pariſhe churches, whych heretofore, ꝑ ſame beyng well inhabited and replenyſhed wyth people, was good and honeſt lyuynges for learned incumbẽtes, by reaſon of the preuy tythes of ꝑ ryche merchauntes & of the offerynges of a great multitude: whyche lyuynges is nowe ſo muche decayed by the ruyne & decaye of theſaid Cytie and of ꝑ trade of merchaundiſe there, that the reuenues & proffites of dyuerſe of theſame benefices are at this preſent, not aboue the clere yerely value of.xxvi.ſ. viii.d. ſo that a great ſorte of theym are not a competent and honeſt lyuyng for a good curate: ye, and no perſon will take the cure, but that of neceſſitie ther is ſome chauntrye prieſt or elles ſome late religious ꝑſon beyng a ſtipendary taken and appoynted to theſaid Cure and Benefice, whyche for the mooſt parte are vnlearned and very ignoraũt perſones, not hable to do any parte of their duetie: By reaſon wherof, theſaid Cytie is not only replenyſſhed wyth blynd guydes and paſtors: but alſo the people muche kept in ignoraunce, aſwell of their duties towardes God, as alſo towardes the kynges maieſtie and the common wealthe of this realme, and to the great daungier of their ſoules: In conſideracion wherof, and for the better relief & order of theſaid Cytie, it maye pleaſe the kynges maieſtie by thaſſent of the Lordes ſpirituall & tempoꝛal, & ꝑ cõmons in this preſent Parliament aſſembled and by ꝑ aucthorite of theſame, that frõ henceforth yt ſhalbe laufull to ꝑ Maiour and Recorder of theſaid Cytie, and to the ordinary or his deputy & vi. Juſtices of peace in theſayd Cytie, to vnite and knyt together theſayd paryſhes into a fewer number, that is to wyt, ſo many of theſayd paryſhes into one paryſhe, as to theim ſhalbe thought conuenyent to be a lyuyng for one honeſt incumbent, ſo the clere yerely value of one pariſhe excede not.xx.ſ. by yere, and ſo to proceede thorough the ſayde Cytie and Suburbes of theſame. And that it ſhalbe lefull for theſayd Maiour, Recorder and Aldermen to pull doume the Churches, whyche they ſhall thynke ſuperfluous in theſayd Cytie and Suburbes of theſame, and to beſtowe theſame toward the reparacõs and enlargement of the other Churches, of the Bꝛyages in theſayd Cytie, and to the relief of the poore people. And further, that theſayd Maiour, Recorder, Ordinary, or his deputy and vi. Juſtices of peace beyng Aldermen, ſhal allotte and appoynt the preſentment and patronage of the Churche ſo vnyted to the patrons of all the Churches, to knyt in one paryſhe, that they maye make theyr preſentmentes by turne, euery one accordyng to their quantyte of hys former patronage.

Prouyded allwayes and be yt enacted by the aucthorite aforeſayde, that all ſuche incumbentes of the Churches aforeſayde, that ſhalbe put doune by vertue of thys Acte, ſhall haue the yerely value of

their benefices after the rate they do paye tenthes duryng their lyues, so they will do seruyce therfore in the churche appoynted for the parishe churche, accordyng to theyr former duetie: And if they refuse to serue, then they only duryng their lyues to haue ỳ third parte of the value as is aforesaid, and to be payd at the handes of the incũbent of the parishe Churche to be appoynted.

Prouyded also, & be it enacted by the authorite aforesaid, that ỳ Incumbentes of euery suche Churche, whyche by vertue of this acte shalbe made & ordeyned for ỳ parishe Churche, & wherunto any other parishe or parishes shalbe vnited, shall after the vnion therof, yerely paye the Tenthes to be due for thesame to the kynges Maiestie his heyres & successors, of thesame Churche and of all other Churches therunto vnyted & annered. And thesaid incumbentes of the parishe churche so vnited, to haue his allowaunce of the incũbentes of the churches so vnited therũto, duryng their seuerall lyues, according to the rate & porciõ of ỳ churches so vnited as shalbe assigned by the abouesayd psones hauyng authorite by this acte to vnite thesame. And the successor and successors of euery suche incumbent of euery suche churche as shalbe made ỳ parishe churche, and wherunto any Churche and parishe shalbe vnited by force of this acte, shall paye or compound for the fyrst fruytes therof at euery auoydaunce before his induction to thesame, according to suche yerely value as suche churche or Churches as shalbe made a parishe churche, and wherunto any churche or churches, parishe or parishes shalbe vnited by force of this acte, shalbe of at the tyme of the vnion therof, and as if yt had bene of suche lyke yerely value at the tyme of makyng of ỳ statute for first frutes and Tenthes, and of no greater value, any ordynaunce, statute or lawe to the contrary notwythstandyng.

## Cap. x.

### An act for Exigentes and Proclamacions in Wales, and in the Countie Palentine of Chester, and also in the Cytie of Chester.

WHere in the high Courte of Parliamente, holden at Westmynster in the .xxvii. yere of the moste prosperous reigne of the late famous kyng Hẽry the VIII. by the assent of the Lordes spirituall and temporal, and the commons assembled in thesaid high Courte of Parliamente: It was enacted and establyshed by authorite of thesame parliament, that hys highnes dominion and principalitie of Wales, & al Manours, Landes, Tenementes, and other dominions, wythin thesaid dominion & principalitie of Wales, should be deuided into twelue shires, or Counties, that is to say: the Shires or Counties, of Glamorgã, Radnour, Brecknocke, Karmerthyn, Penbroke, Cardygan, Weryonneth, Mõgomery, Flynt, Carnaruã, Inglesy, & Denbigh, in euery of whyche

saied

saied Counties & Shires, emōgest the officers yerely appointed, it was then ordeyned, ẏ there should be distinct & seuerall Shiriefes yerely: & also where the Coūties Palentine of Chester, & of the Cytie of Chester, be auncient & seuerall Counties Palentine of themselfes, in al whyche saied Counties, the kynges writte hath not, nor yet doth not runne: So that the proclamation awarded vpon any exigente against any person, or persones, in any actiō, wherein processe of outlarie doth lye, accordig to the statute made in the sixt yere of the reign of thesaied late kyng, cānot bee directed vnto the Shirief, or Shiriefes of any of thesayd Shires or Counties, but vnto the Shirief of the Countie next adioynyng: So ẏ ẏ partie dwellyng in any of thesaied Shires, or Coūties, agaynst whom any suche exigent & Proclamation shalbe so awarded, shall not nor can haue any knowledge of ẏ same sute, or processe, by reason whereof, many of the persones inhabityng in thesayed Shires & Counties, without knowledge, or cause of suite, haue been wrongfully & vniustly vtlaged, to their vtter vndoyng: Be it therfore, & for diuerse other good cōsideraciōs, by ẏ kyng our souereygn Lord, w ẏ assent of ẏ lordes spirituall & temporall, & the commons in this present parliamēt assembled & by the aucthoritie of thesame, enacted, ordeined, & established, that if, & whensoeuer any writ of exigent, at any tyme after the first day of Aprill next cōmyng, shalbe awarded at ẏ suite of ẏ kyng, or of any other person, or persones, plaintief, or plaintiefes, in any actiō or suite, in any of the Courtes of our saied souereygn Lord the Kyng, his heyres, or successours, commonly called ẏ Kynges Benche, & the Common Place, against any person, or persones, dwellyng in any of ẏ aforesaied Coūties in Wales, or in thesaid Counties Palētine of Chester, or of the Cytie of Chester, or in any of thē: ẏ then immediatly vpon ẏ awardyng of euery suche exigēt, ẏ Justice, or Justices, before whom any suche writte of exigent, vpon suche suite or action, shalbe sued, shall haue full power and aucthoritie to awarde one writte of proclamation, accordyng to ẏ tenor & effecte of proclamations awarded vpō exigētes, directed out of any of thesaied Courtes, into Londō, against any ꝑson, dwellyng in any other Shire, where ẏ kynges writte is currant, accordyng to ẏ ordre & forme of thesaied statute made in the sixt yere of thesayed late kyng, to bee directed to suche of ẏ aforesaid Shiriefes of any of ẏ aforesayed Coūties in Wales, & of ẏ Coūties Palētine of Chester, & of ẏ Cytie of Chester, for ẏ tyme beyng, where it shall happen thesaid defendaūt, against whō any suche action shalbe sued, as is aforesaied, to bee dwellyng: And that euery suche writte of Proclamation shall haue thesame teste & daye of returne, as ẏ exigētes, wherupō euery suche writ of proclamatiō shalbe awarded, shal haue: And ẏ euery suche Shirief, to whō any suche writte of proclamatiō shalbe directed, shall make proclamatiō of thesaied writ of proclamatiō, accordyng to the tenor of thesame, and shall make true returne of ẏ same, in suche Courte, and before suche Justices, as ẏ tenor

of thesame

of theſame wꝛitte, ſhall require and demaunde. And that all outlaryes hereafter to be pꝛomulged oꝛ pꝛonounced, againſt any perſon oꝛ perſones, vpon any ſuche exigent oꝛ exigentes, awarded agaynſt any perſone oꝛ perſones dwellyng in any of theſayde Counties of Wales, and the Counties Palentine of Cheſter, & of the Cytie of Cheſter, and no wꝛitte of Pꝛoclamacion awarded in foꝛme aboueſayed, to ꝑ Shiriek oꝛ Sheriekes of the Countie, where the partie defendaunt ſhalbe, as is abouesayed dwellyng, oꝛ not returned, to bee clerely voyde, and of none effecte, noꝛ foꝛce in the lawe.

And be it further enacted by the aucthoꝛitie afoꝛeſaied, that al & euery Sheriek and Shiriekes, of euery of theſayed Counties of Wales, & of the Counties Palentine of Cheſter, and the Cytie of Cheſter afoꝛeſaied, ſhal haue in euery of theſaid Courtes of the Kynges Benche, and of the Common place, one ſufficient deputie at the leaſt, to receyue all wꝛittes directed to ſuche the Sheriek oꝛ Sheriekes, foꝛ whom, theſame deputie, oꝛ deputies ſhalbe appoynted in lyke maner and foꝛme, and vpon lyke peynes, as by the foꝛmer ſtatutes and lawes of this realme, other Shyriekes of other Shires, oꝛ Counties within thys realme of England, be bounden to haue, in eyther of theſame Courtes: and that all wꝛittes of Pꝛoclamation afoꝛeſayed, ſhalbe delyuered vntō euery ſuche deputie of Recoꝛd in theſame Courtes: and alſo like fees ſhalbe paied foꝛ makyng euery ſuche wꝛitte of pꝛoclamation, and foꝛ enrollyng theſame of Recoꝛd, as is limited in theſayed ſtatute, made in theſayed ſixt yere of the reygn of our ſaied late ſouereygn Loꝛd Kyng Henry the eyght.

And be it further enacted by the aucthoꝛitie afoꝛeſayed, ꝑ if any perſon, dwellyng in any of theſaied Coũties of Wales, after the afoꝛeſaied fyꝛſt day of Apꝛill, ſhalbe outlawed in any ſuite oꝛ action afoꝛeſaid, that thé wꝛittes of ſpecial Capias utlagaꝫ, ſingle Capias utlagaꝫ, nō moleſtand. & al other pꝛoceſſe, foꝛ, oꝛ againſt any perſon outlawed, ſhall, and maye frō thenſfurth be directed to the Shiriek of any of theſayd Counties in Wales, as immediate officers to the Kynges ſaied Courtes, of the kynges Bēche oꝛ cōmō Place, in that behault: and that euery ſuche wꝛittes may be deliuered of Recoꝛd, to the deputie of ſuche of theſaied Shyriekes, to whō any ſuche wꝛitte oꝛ pꝛoceſſe, ſhalbe directed, & that euery ſuche Shiriek, ſhal make executiō & returne of euery ſuche wꝛit of pꝛoceſſe to hym directed, vpon like peyn & penaltie, as is aboue limited.

And be it further enacted, and eſtabliſhed, ꝑ if any ſuche wꝛit oꝛ wꝛittes of pꝛoclamatiō hereafter directed to any of the Shiriekes, oꝛ any of theſayd Shires in Wales, oꝛ Coũties Palentine of Cheſter, oꝛ of ꝑ Cytie of Cheſter, be delyuered vnto any of theſaied Shiriekes, foꝛ the tyme beyng, oꝛ to his, oꝛ their deputie, in maner & foꝛme afoꝛeſaid: & theſame Shiriek oꝛ Shiriekes, do not make true returne of euery ſuche wꝛit and wꝛittes of pꝛoclamatiō, into ſuche Court & Courtes, out of whyche theſaid wꝛit oꝛ wꝛittes of pꝛoclamatiō ſhalbe awarded: that foꝛ euery ſuch

default, of none returne, euery ſuche Shyriek for the tyme beyng, ſhall loſe & forfaict. v.l. the one haulfe therof ſhalbe to our ſouereygn Lorde the kyng, his heyres, and ſucceſſors: the other haulfe to any ſuche perſon or perſones, as wyll ſue for the ſame in an actiō of debte, grounded vpō this acte, in any of ꝑ kynges Courtes of Recorde, wherein none eſſoyn, protection, or wager of lawe, ſhalbe allowed or admitted.

Prouided alwaies, this acte, or any thyng therin conteyned, ſhall not in any wyſe extende, or be preiudiciall to the ſame Counties of Wales, or to the ſayed Coũties Palentine of Cheſter, or of the Cytie of Cheſter, for, or concernyng ſuche liberties, frauncheſes, or priuileges, as belong to them, or any of them, or to any miniſters, or officers of them, or any of them, otherwiſe, or in any other maner, then by the true meaning of this acte, is before prouided and declared: any thyng in this acte mencioned, to the contrary notwythſtandyng.

Prouided alwaies, and be it enacted by the aucthoritie aforeſaid, that this act, ne any thyng therin conteined, ſhall not in any wiſe be preiudicial or hurtfull to any Lord, Marcher in Wales, but that they & euery of theim, and their heires, and the heires of euery of them, ſhall & maye haue like libertie, intereſt and preeminence, as they, and euery of them, had, might, or ought to haue had before the makyng of this acte, and as though this acte had neuer been had, ne made: any thyng in thys acte mencioned, to the contrary in any wiſe notwythſtandyng.

## ¶ Cap. xi.

¶ An acte for the repeale of a certayn ſtatute, made in the. xxviii. yere of the reigne, of the late kyng of mooſt famous memory, Henry the. viii. for reuokyng of actes of Parliament.

Where in the Parliamēt begonne at Weſtmynſter the xxviii. yere of the reigne, of the late kyng of famous memory kyng Henry the. viii. it was enacted by the auctheritie of the ſayd Parliament, that if the Emperiall croune of thys Realme, after the deceaſſe of ꝑ ſayd late kyng, ſhould diſcende, come or remayne to ꝑ heyres of oure ſayde late ſouereygn lord, or to any ꝑſon to bee limited by hys highnes, as of very right, it muſt & ought to do, accordig to ꝑ lawes of this Realme, eſtabliſhed for the ſame, the ſayd heyres or ſuch perſon, beynge within the age of. xxiii. yeres, & that then any acte or actes of Parliament, ſhoulde happen to be made and eſtabliſhed in any Parliament, that then ſhould be holden before ſuche heire or heyres, perſon or perſons, then beyng in poſſeſſiō of the ſayd croune, ſhould be of their full ages of. xxiii. yeres, that then euery ſuche heyre or heyres, of our ſayde late ſouereygn Lorde, or ſuch perſon, ſo poſſeſſed of the croune, beyng wythin the ſame age of. xxiii. yeares, ſhould haue full

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power & aucthoritie at all tymes, after they shoulde come to their sayde full ages of.xxiiii.yeres, by their letters patentes, vnder the great seale of England to reuoke, adnull, & repel, al and singuler such actes, made & established by theyr royal assentes, in any Parliament holdē, duryng ẏ tyme, that they were wythin their sayd age of.xxiiii.yeres, their royall assentes had to thesame, duryng ẏ tyme, that they were wythin thesayde age of.xxiiii.yeres, or any acte or actes thereafter to be made, to the contrary therof notwythstandyng. And it was also enacted by the aucthoritie aforesayd, that euery such repeale, adnullacion, and reuocation of any acte or actes that should be made and established in any Parliament, holden before the tyme, that suche heyres, or persone possessed of ẏ croune, should be of the sayd age of.xxiiii.yeres, shoulde be as good and effectuall, to al intentes & purposes, as though it had bene done by the aucthoritie of Parliamente, as in the sayde acte is more playnly declared: Sith the makyng of whiche estatute, it hath pleased almighty God to take vnto his mercy, our sayd late souereygn lord kyng Henry ẏ viii. Our now moost gratious & deere souereygn liege lorde, kyng Edward the, vi. hys sonne and heyre (whose lyfe God longe preserue) now beyng aboue the age of.x.yeres, and vnder the age of.xi.yeres: duryng whose minoritie, as the common wealthe of his highnes Realmes of England and Ireland, and of all the dominions and countreys of thesame, is, & moost necessariely oughte to be prouided for, maynteyned, & preserued: so is it ẏ naturall duety of euery good, true & louyng subiecte, to apply hym self wyth al hys power and diligence, to study, inuent, and practyse by al waies, meanes & mãners, for the conseruacion of thesame. And for asmuche as for the preseruacion of the royal estate of our said souereign Lord the kyng that now is, and the saufegard and suertie of hys moost royal person, and for the good tranquillitie quietnes, rest and peace of his sayd Realmes, countreys, dominiōs and subiectes, aswell wholsome lawes and statutes are to be ordeyned, established and prouided, as also some lawes & statutes to be repelled and adnulled, as the case shall requyre, accordyng to the disposiciō of the people, whyche cannot take any good effecte or successe, without actes & prouisions of Parliament to be made, before their ages of.xxiiii. yeres. And for ẏ it shoulde seme vnto all men, that the good intenciō, meanynge and purpose of the sayde late kyng, & of the makers of the sayde estatute, was not, ẏ good & wholsome lawes, whiche shoulde be made, prouided and ordeined, for the good gouernaunce of the Realmes and dominions aboue sayde, duryng the tyme, ẏ any kyng of thys Realme, shoulde be within the sayd age of.xxiiii. yeres, shoulde from the tyme of the deceasse of the auncestor or progenitor of any such kynge, within the age of.xxiiii. yeres, at the tyme of the death of ẏ sayde auncestor or progenitor, vntyll the age of.xxiiii. yeres, of any suche kyng, be made, demed & adiudged to be voyed by any suche lettres patētes, to al intētes & purposes, as though they neuer had bene

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made,but that thesayed actes & euery of them,and all and euery thynge and thynges dsed,committed, doen, suffered, or executed by aucthoritie of thesame,should be good,auaylable and perfyte in the lawe: And that thesayed reuocation,abnullation and repeale,should be taken, to make voyde thesaied actes,and euery of them onely,from the tyme of thesayd reuocation,abnullation and repeale,and not otherwyse: The contrarye entendement and exposition wherof, myght otherwyse, not onely discorage all subiectes duryng that tyme,and those peres, to endeuor themselfes,to,and for the aduisyng,settyng furth,and consentyng to the makyng of good and wholsome lawes: but also should cause thesaied subiectes,to adiudge and thynke themselfes to lyue for that tyme, vnder no maner of certenty or assuraunce of any positiue law,or statute, duryng that tyme to be made or prouided: bee it therefore enacted, by the kyng oure souereigne Lorde, with the assent of the lordes spirituall and temporall,and the commons in this present Parliamente assembled,and by the aucthoritie of thesame, that thesayed acte of Parliamente aboue recited,made in thesayed.xxviii. yere of the reigne of thesayed late kyng, and euery worde,article,clause,mater,sentence and thyng therein specifyed and contayned,shall,by aucthoritie of this present Parliament,be, to all intentes, constructions and purposes, vtterlye voyde, abnulled, expelled, and of none effect, and as though thesame had neuer bene had ne made. Neuertheles, to the intent the kynges Maiestie our souereigne Lorde,maye haue power,aucthoritie,preeminence and prerogatiue at hys full age of.xxiiii. yeres, or at anye tyme after, at his libertie and pleasure,to repeale all statutes and actes of Parliamente, aswell made in this present Parliament, as hereafter in any other Parliament to be holden, before he shall accomplyshe thesayed age of. xxiiii. yeres, to be made or ordeined,accordyng to the true intent and meanyng of the makers of thesayed former statute: Be it further ordeyned and enacted by the aucthoritie of thys present Parliament, that oure sayed souereigne lorde the kyng that now is,at his ful age of.xxiiii.yeres,or at any tyme after,and all, and euery heire,and heires of thesayed late kyng, & other persone and persones, to whom the Emperiall crowne of thys Realme shall hereafter discende,come, or remayn,by the appointment of thesaid late kyng, and by the statutes of thys Realme in the tyme of thesame late kyng, in that case prouided and made, then beynge within the age of. xxiiii. yeres shall haue full power and aucthoritie, by vertue of thys present acte,at all tymes, after he, or they shall come to his, or their full age of. xxiiii. yeres, by hys, or their letters Patentes, vnder the greate seale of Englande,to repeale all and synguler acte and actes,or anye of them,as be,or shalbe made,or established,by his,or their royal assentes in any Parliament holden, or to be holden, duryng the tyme that he, or they were,were,or shalbe, within thesayed age of.xxiiii.yeres, other then this present acte of Parliament, and other then all pardons graunted,

and to be graunted, within thesaied seuerall ages, of.xxiiii.yeres, by aucthoritie of Parliamente, so that thesame repeale bee made and vsed in maner and fourme hereafter folowyng, that is to saye, that euery suche letters Patentes of repeale, shall conteyne all suche actes, as shalbe repelled, and shalbe solemply and openly proclaimed in the kynges court of Chauncery, betwene the houres of.ix.and.xi.before none, at three seuerall dayes, in euery of twoo of the foure vsuall Termes, to be holden at Westmynster, or els where, within this realme of Englande, and also one tyme in euery countie of this Realme, and in Wales, at the seuerall Assises, to be holden in thesame seueral counties, betwene lyke houres, and that then after fourtye dayes, nexte after suche Proclamation, in all and euery place and countie abouesaied, so had and made, thesaied letters Patentes of repeale, to take their force, strength and effecte, and not before, or from any other tyme or ceason, nor in anye other maner or forme. And that all and euery suche acte and actes, aswell made in thys Parliament, as hereafter to be made within thesaied age of.xxiiii.yeres, of our souereigne lorde the Kynges maiestie that now is, as in the tyme of any thesaied heire or heires, or other thesayed persone or persone, then beyng in possession of the imperiall croune of this realme, and vnder the age of.xxiiii.yeres, shalbee good and effectuall, to all intentes, constructions and purposes, vntill thesaied letters Patentes of repeale, proclamations, and fourtye dayes, shalbe so had, made, runne, and paste: and that all, and euery acte and actes, thyng and thinges, vsed, had, committed, doen, suffered or executed, by the aucthoritie of thesaied acte or actes, or any of them, within any of thesaied ages of.xxiiii.yeres accordyng to the purporte, tenor, and effecte of thesaied acte or actes, or any of theim, shalbe good and effectual for euer, thesaied repeale so to be made, in any wyse notwithstandynge. And that all and euery persone and persones, bodyes politique and corporate, shall, and maye by the aucthoritie of thys present acte, from tyme to tyme, aswell after thesaied repeale as before, pleade, or alledge, for his or their defence, excuse, indempnitie, profyte, benefyte, or aduauntage, all and euery suche acte and actes, or any of theim, so reuoked, adnulled or repelled, or to be reuoked, adnulled, or repelled, for, cōcernyng, or in any wyse touchyng any thyng or thynges, had, vsed, graunted, suffered, posseded, commytted, doen or accrued by the aucthoritie, sufferaunce, or force of thesayed acte and actes, or any of them, before the reuocatiō, adnullation or repealyng of thesame, in such, and as ample maner and fourme, as yf thesayed acte and actes so to be reuoked, adnulled or repelled, and euery of them, had stande in his, and their full strength, force, and effecte, and as yf thesayed acte or actes, had neuer been reuoked, adnulled, or repelled: anye thynge in suche repeale conteyned, notwithstandyng.

Prouided alwayes, and bee it also ordeyned, and enacted by the aucthoritie aforesayed, that no Kyng, or Kynges of this realme, shall haue

aucthoritie,

aucthoritie, power or prerogatiue, to repeale any acte of Parliament or statute, that shalbe made in the tyme of any kyng, before the saied age of xxiiii. yeres, other then such, as be, or shalbe made in his awne tyme, any thyng aboue mencioned, to the contrary in any wyse notwithstandyng.

## An acte for the repeale of certayn statutes, concernyng Treasons, Felonies. &c.

### The. xii. Chapiter.

NOthyng beynge more Godly, more sure, more to be wyshed and desyred, betwixte a Prince, the supreme heade and ruler, and the subiectes, whose gouernour and heade he is, then on the Princes part, great clemencie and indulgentie, and rather to muche forgeuenesse and remission of hys royall power and iuste punishement, then exact seueritie & iustice to be shewed: and on the subiectes behaulfe, that they should obeye rather for loue, and for the necessitie & loue of a kyng and prince, then for feare of his streight, and seuere lawes: yet suche tymes, at some tyme commeth in the common wealth, that it is necessary and expedient, for the repressyng of the insolentie and vnrulynes of menne, and for the foreseyng and prouidyng of reamedies agaynst rebellion, insurrection, or suche mischefes, (as God sometyme beynge wyth vs displeased, for oure punishment doth inuicte and laye vpon vs) or the deuyll at Gods permission, to assaye the good and Gods electe, doth sowe, and set emonges vs, the whiche almightie God with his healp and mannes pollicie, hath alwayes been content and pleased, to haue stayed, that sharper lawes, as a harder brydle, should be made, to staye those men, and factes, that myght els bee occasion, cause and aucthors of further inconuenience: The whiche thyng caused the Prince of moste famous memorie, Kyng Henry the. VIII. father to our sayed souereigne lorde the kyng, and other hys hyghnes progenitors, with the assent of the nobles and commons, at diuerse Parliamentes, in theyr seuerall tymes holden, to make and enacte certayne lawes and statutes, whiche myght seme and appere to men of exterior realmes, and many of the kynges Maiesties subiectes, very streyght, sore, extreme and terrible, although they were then, when they were made, not without greate consideration and pollicie moued and established, and for the tyme, to the aduoydaunce of further inconuenience, very expedient and necessary. But as in tempest or wynter, one course, and garment is conuenient, in calme or warme weather, a more liberall rase, or lighter garment, bothe maye, and ought to be folowed and vsed: So we haue seen diuerse streight and sore lawes made in oure Parliamente, the tyme so requiryng, in a more calme and quiet reigne of another Prince, by the lyke aucthoritie and Parliament

repulled and chasen away. The whiche moste high clemencie, and royall
trayne of his Maiesties moste noble progenitours, the kynges highe
nes, of his tender and godly disposicion enclined to mercye and lene of
his subiectes, willyng to folowe and expresse the harte and hyghe
loue, that his moste louyng subiectes, both the lordes and cõmons, both
beare vnto his highnes, now furthe his Parliament tendre age, willyng
also to gratifye the same therfore: and specially further to prouoke his
sayed subiectes, with greate indulgence and clemencie, shewed on hys
highnes behalfe, to more loue and kyndenes towardes his Maieste (yf it
maye be) and vpon trust, that they will not abuse the same, but rather
be encouraged thereby more faithfully, & with more diligence (yf it maye
be) and care for his Maieste, to serue his highnes realme, in this his ten-
dre age, is contented and pleased, that the statute of certain lawes here
folowyng, be mitigated and remitted in part therefore ordeined and ena-
cted by the kyng our soueraigne lorde, with the assent of the lordes spi-
rituall and temporall, and of the commons in this present Parliamente
assembled, and by the auctoritie of the same, that from henceforth, none
acte, dede or offence, beyng by acte of Parliament or statute, made trea-
son, or petit treason by wordes, writyng, sygnyng, dedes, or otherwyse
whatsoeuer, shall be taken, had, demed, or adiudged to be high treason, or
petit treason but only suche as be treason or petit treason, in, or by the
acte of Parliament, or statute, made in the xxv. yere of the reigne of the
moste noble kyng of famous memorye, kyng Edward the. III. touch-
yng or concernyng treason, or the declarations of treasons: and suche
offences as hereafter shal by this present acte be expressed and declared,
to be treason or petit treason; and none other, nor that anye peynes of
deathe penaltie or forfaicture in anywise ensue, or be, to any of the offen-
dours, for the doyng or committyng any treason, or petit treason, other
then suche, as be in the sayed statute made in the sayed. xxv. yere of the
reigne, of the sayed kyng Edward the thyrd, or by this present statute
ordeyned or prouided: any acte or actes of Parliament, statute or statu-
tes, had or made at any tyme heretofore, or after the sayed .xxv. yere of
the reigne of the third late kyng Edward the third, or any other declara-
tion or matter to the contrary in anye wyse, notwithstandyng.

And also be it enacted by the auctoritie aforesayed, that all actes of
Parliament, and statutes, touchyng, mentionyng, or in anye wyse con-
cernyng religion or opinions, that is to saye, as well the statute made, in
the fifth yere of the reigne, of the kynges noble progenitour, kyng Ri-
charde the seconde, and the statute made in the seconde yere of the rei-
gne of kyng Henry the fifth, and the statute also made in the. xxv. yere
of the reigne of kyng Henry the eight, concernyng punishment and re-
formation of Heretiques and Lollardes, and euery prouision therein
conteyned, and the statute made for the abolishement of diuersitie of o-
pinions, in certayn Articles, concernyng Christian religion, commonly

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called the sixe articles, made in the Parliament begon at Westmynster, the.xxviii.daye of Aprill, in the.xxxi.yere of the reigne, of the moste noble and victorious Prince, of moste famous memory, kyng Henry the eight, father to oure sayed moste dread soueraigne Lorde the kyng that now is: and also the acte of Parliamente and statute, made at the Parliament, begon at Westmynster, the.xvi.daye of Januarii, in the.xxxiii. yere of the reigne, of thesayed late kyng Henry the eight, and after that prorogued vnto the.xxii. daye of Januarii, in the.xxxiiii. yere of the reigne of thesayed late kyng Henry the eight, touchyng, mencionyng, or in any wyse concernyng bokes of the Olde and Newe Testamente in Englishe, and the printyng, vttering, sellyng, geuyng or deliuerying, of bokes, or wrytynges, and retaignyng of English bokes or writyngs, and readyng, preachyng, teachyng, or expoundyng of Scripture, or in anye wyse, touchyng, mencionyng or concernyng anye of thesame matters. And also one other statute, made in the Parliamēt holden at Westminster, in the.xxxv.yere of the reigne, of thesaied late kyng Henry the.viii. concernyng the qualification of the statute of sixe Articles, and all and euery other acte or actes of Parliament, cōcernyng doctrine, or matters of Religion, and all, and euery braunche, artycle, sentence, and matter, peynes and forfaictures, contayned, mencioned, or in any wise declared, in any of thesame actes of Parliamēt, or statutes, shal, from henceforth be repelled, and vtterly voyde, and of none effect.

And be it further ordeined and enacted, by the aucthoritie aforesayed, that all offences made felonye, by any acte or actes of Parliament, statute or statutes, made sythens the.xxiii. daye of Aprill, in the first yere of the reigne, of thesayed late kyng Henry the eight, not beyng felony before, and also, all and euery the braunches and Articles mencioned, or in any wyse declared, in any of thesame Statutes, concernyng the makyng of any offence or offences to be felony, not beynge felony before: & all peynes, and forfaictures, concernyng thesame, or any of theim, shall, from henceforth be repelled, and vtterly voyde, and of none effecte.

And be it also ordeyned and enacted by the auctheritie aforesayed, that one acte made in the parliamēt holden at Westminster, in the.xxvi. yere of the reigne, of thesayed late kyng Henry the eighte, that Proclamations made by the kynges highnes, by the aduyse of hys honorable counsaill, should be obeyed and kept, as though they were made by auctheritie of parliament: And also one other acte made in the parliament, holden in the.xxviii. yere of the reigne of thesayed late kyng Henry the eight, for the due execution of thesayed proclamations: and also all and euery braunche, article, & matter in thesame statutes, & in euery of theim mencioned or declared, shall, from henceforthe be repelled, and vtterly voyde, and of none effecte.

And be it enacted by the auctheritie aforesayed that if any persone or persones, at any tyme after the first daye of Marche nexte commyng, by

open preachyng, expresse woordes or sayinges, do affirme, or set furthe, that the kyng, his heires, or successours, kynges of this realme, for the tyme beyng, is not, or ought not to be supreame heade in yearth, of the churche of Englande and Irelande, or of any of theim immediatly vnder God, or that the Bishop of Rome, or any other persone, or persones, other then the kyng of Englande, for the tyme beyng, is, or ought to be by the lawes of God, supreme heade of thesame Churches, or of any of them: or that the kyng, his heires or successors, kynges of this realme, is not, or ought not to be the kyng of Englande, Fraunce and Irelande, or of any of them: or after thesaied first daye of Marche, do compasse, or imagyn by open preachyng, expresse woordes, or sayinges, to depose or deprive the kyng, his heires, or successors, kynges of this realme, from his, or their royall estate, or titles, to, or of the realmes aforesayed, or do openly publisshe, or saye by expresse woordes or sayinges, that any other person, or persons, other then the kyng, his heires, or successors, kynges of this realme, of right ought to be kynges of the realmes aforesayed, or of any of them, or to haue and enioye thesame, or any of them: that then euery suche offendor, beyng thereof duely conuicted, or attainted by the lawes of this realme, their aidours, comfortors, abbettors, procurors, and counsailors, for his or their suche first offence, shall lose and forfaict to the kyng, all his, and their goodes, and cattalles, and also shal haue and suffre imprisonmēt of his, and their bodyes, at the kynges wyll and pleasure. And if any persone, beyng once cōuicted or attaynted of any of thesayed offences, shall, after his sayed conuiction or attcinder, eftsones cōmit or perpetrate any of the offences before mēcioned, other then such, as be expressed in thesayed estatute made in thesayed. xxv. yere of kyng Edward the thirde, and shalbe thereof duely conuicted or attainted, by the lawes of this realme: that then euery suche offendor, their aidours, comfortors, abbettors, procurors and counsailors, for his, or their sayed second offence, or offences, shall lose and forfaict to the kyng, the whole issues and profytes of all hys, and their landes, tenementes, and other hereditamentes, benefyces, prebendes, and other spirituall promotions for terme of the life of such offendor or offendors: and shal also lose and forfaicte to the kyng, all hys, and their goodes, and cattalles, and also suffre, duryng his, and their lyfes, perpetuall imprisonment, of his, and their bodyes. And yf anye person, beyng two tymes hereafter conuicted or attainted of any of thesame offences, shall, after his saied second conuiction or attainder, eftsones cōmit or perpetrate again, any of thesaied offences, and be thereof duely conuicted or attaynted by the lawes and statutes of this realme: that then euery suche thyrd offence or offences, shalbe demed and adiudged hygh treason, and the offendor and offendors, their aidors, comfortors, abbettors, procurors, and counsailors, beyng therein conuicted or attainted, accordyng to the lawes and statutes of this realme, shalbe demed and adiudged hygh traitors, and shall

ſuffre peynes of death, and loſe & forfaicte all their gooddes and cattalls, landes and tenementes, to the kyng, as in caſes of high treaſon.

And bee it further enacted by the aucthoritie aforeſayed, that yf anye perſon, or perſones, at any tyme after theſaied firſt daye of March next commyng, by wrytyng, prynting, ouert deede or acte, do affyrme, or ſet furth, that the kyng of this realme, for the tyme beyng, is not, or oughte not to be ſupreme heade in yearth of the churche of Englande and Irelande, or of any of them, immediately vnder God: or ſhall, by wrytyng, pryntyng, ouert dede, or acte, after theſaied firſt daye of March, affirme, or ſet furthe, that the Biſhop of Rome, or any other perſon, or perſones, other then the kyng of Englande, for the tyme beyng, is, or ought to be by the lawes of God, or otherwyſe, the ſupreme heade in yearth, of theſame churches, or of any of them: or do, after theſaied firſte daye of March, compaſſe, or imagyn, by writyng, printyng, ouert deede, or acte, to depoſe or depriue the kynge, hys heyres or ſucceſſours, kynges of thys realme, from his, or their royall eſtate, or titles of the kyng of England, Fraunce, and Irelande, or of any of them: or by any wrytyng, printyng, ouert deede, or acte, do affirme, that any other perſone, or perſones, other then the kyng, his heires, and ſucceſſors, is, or of right ought to be kyng of the realmes of England, Fraunce, or Irelande, or to haue and enioye theſame, or any of them: that then euery ſuch offence and offences ſhalbe demed, and adiudged high treaſon, and the offendor, & offendors, their aydors, comfortors, abbettors, procurors, and counſailors, therein conuicted or attainted, accordyng to the lawes and ſtatutes of this realme, ſhalbe demed & adiudged high traitors, and ſhal ſuffer peines of death, and loſe and forfaicte all their gooddes and cattalles, landes and tenementes, to the kyng, as in caſes of high treaſon.

Prouided allwayes, and bee it enacted by the aucthoritie aforeſayed, that this eſtatute, or any thyng therein conteyned, ſhall not in any wyſe extend, to repell, adnull, or make fruſtrate or voyde any acte or actes of Parliament, ſtatute or ſtatutes, made, concernyng the counterfaictyng, or forgyng of anye of the coynes of this Realme, or of the coyne of anye other realme or realmes, currante within this realme, or for clippyng, waſhyng, or filyng of any of theſayed coynes, or for, or concernyng the bryngyng into thys realme, of counterfaicte money or coyne: ne to any ſtatute, made in the .xxvii. yere of theſaied late kyng Henry the .viii. concernyng the falſe forgyng and counterfaictyng of the kynges ſignes Manuell, preuey ſignate, or preuey ſeale, ne to their counſailors, procurors, aydors, and abbettors, nor to any article, or braunche, concernyng theſame offences, or any of them, conteyned in theſame ſtatutes, or any of them.

And bee it further enacted by the aucthoritie aforeſayed, that yf any the heires of the kyng, our ſayed ſouereigne Lorde that nowe is, or anye perſone or perſones, to whom the croune and dignitie of thys realme is

limpted and appoynted by acte of Parliamente, made in the .xxxv. yere of the reigne of thelayed late kyng Henry the eight, or the heires of any of theim, do at anye tyme hereafter, vsurpe the one of theim vpon the other, in the croune of this realme, or demaunde, chalenge, or claime the same, otherwyse, or in any other forme or degre of diſcente, or ſucceſſion, or in any other courſe, forme, degre, or condition, but onely in ſuche maner and forme, as is declared by theſayde eſtatute: or yf any of theſayed heires, or perſones aforeſayed, do interrupte, or let the kynges highnes that nowe is, peaceably and quietly to kepe, haue, and enioye theſayed imperiall croune: that then, all and ſynguler the offendors, their aydors comfortors, abbettors, procurors, and counſailors therein, ſhalbe demed and adiudged hygh traytors, and ſhall ſuffer, and incurre the peynes of death, loſſes and forfaictures, as is aforeſayed in caſes of high treaſon.

And it is further ordeyned and enacted by the aucthoritie aforeſayed, that no perſone or perſones, that heretofore hath been, or at anye tyme hereafter ſhalbee in due fourme of the lawes attaynted or conuicted of murder of malyce prepenſed, or of poyſonyng of malice prepenſed, or of breakyng of any houſe by daye or by nighte, any perſone beyng then in theſame houſe, where theſame breakyng heretofore hath been, or hereafter ſhalbee committed, and heretofore hath been, or hereafter ſhalbee thereby put in feare, or dread, or of, or for robbyng of any perſon or perſones in the high waye, or nere to the high waye, or for felonious ſtealyng of Horſes, Geldynges or Mares, or of felonious takyng of any gooddes, out of any pariſhe Churche, or other Churche or Chapell, or beynge indicted or appealed of any of theſame offences, and thereupon found gyltie, by verdicte of twelue men, or ſhall confeſſe theſame vpon his or their arraignement, or wyll not anſwere directely, accordynge to the lawes of this realme, or ſhall ſtand wilfully, or of malice mute, ſhall not be admitted to haue or enioye the priuilege or benefyte of hys clergie or Sanctuary, but ſhalbe put from theſame: and that in all other caſes of felony, other then ſuche, as be before mencioned, all and ſynguler perſone, and perſones, whiche after the fyrſte daye of Marche nexte commyng, ſhalbe arraigned or found gilty, vpon his or their arraignement, or ſhall confeſſe theſame, or ſtande mute, in fourme aforeſayed, or wyll not anſwere directely in fourme aboueſayed, ſhall haue and enioye the priuilege and benefyte of his, or their clergie, the libertie and priuilege of Sanctuarie, in lyke maner and fourme, as he, or they myght, or ſhould haue doen before the .xxiiii. daye of Apryll, in the firſte yere of the reigne of theſayed late kyng Henry the eight.

Prouided allwayes, and be it enacted by the aucthoritie aforeſayed, that all clauſes, articles, and ſentences, mencioned, or ſpecifyed in anye acte or actes of Parliament, ſtatute, or ſtatutes, made in the tyme of the reigne of theſayed late kyng Henry the eighte, touchyng, or in any wyſe

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concernyng any maner of Chalenge, for the Countie, Hundreth, or Peremptorye chalenge, or any of them, or touchyng, or in any wyse concernyng any maner of tryall of forcyn pleas pleaded by murderers, felons, or other offendors, shall, as concernyng thesayed chalenges and tryalles, remayne in their force and strengthe, not repelled, any thyng in this acte mencioned, soundyng or semyng to the contrary, in any wyse, notwithstandynge.

Prouided also, and be it ordeyned & enacted by the auctoritie aforesayed, that this acte of Parliament, or any thyng therin mencioned, as concernyng the repeale of any estatute or estatutes made, touchyng treason, or misprysion of treason, shall not in any wyse geue any maner of benefite, aduauntage, or commoditie to any persone, or persones beyng the last daye of October last past, arrested, or imprysonned for treason, petit treason, or misprision of treason, or to any person or persones, heretofore beyng indicted of treason petit treason, or misprysion of treason, or to any other person or persons, beyng likewyse conuicted, outlawed, or attaynted of treason petit treason, or misprysion of treason: or beyng fled beyonde the seas, or into Scotland, before thesaied last day of October last past, for any treason, petit treason, or misprysion of treason. But that they, and euery of them, shall suffer suche peynes of death, losses and forfaictures, of landes, & goodes, as in cases of treason as though this acte had neuer been had or made: any thyng in this acte, to the contrary in anywise notwithstandyng. And that the lawes and Statutes repelled by this acte, shal stande agaynst them and euery of them, in ful strength, vertue, force, and effecte, concernyng all, and euery offence by them, or any of them heretofore cõmitted or doen.

Prouided also, and be it ordeyned & enacted by the auctoritie aforesayed, that all wylfull killyng, by poysonyng of any persone, or persones, that at any tyme hereafter shalbe doen, perpetrated, or committed, shalbe adiudged, taken and deemed, wylfull murders of malyce prepensed: and that the offendors therein, their aydors, abbettors, procurors, and counsaillors shall suffer death, and forfaicte in euery behalfe, as in other cases of wylfull murder of malice prepensed.

And ouer that, be it enacted by the auctoritie aforesayed, that in all and euery case and cases, where any of the kynges maiesties subiectes, shall and may vpõ hys prayer haue the priuilege of cleargie as a clerke conuicte, that maye make purgation in all those cases and euery of thẽ, and also in all, and euery case and cases of felony, wherein the priuilege and benefite of cleargie is restreyned, excepted, or taken awaye by thys estatute, or acte (wylfull murder, and poysonyng of malyce prepensed, onely excepted) the Lorde and Lordes of the Parliament, and pere and peres of the Realme, hauyng place and voyce in Parliament, shall, by vertue of this present acte, of common grace, vpon his, or their request or prayer, alledgyng that he is a lorde, or pere of this Realme, and clai-

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myng the benefite of this acte, though he cannot read, without any burnyng in the hande, lose of inheritaunce, or corruption of his blood, be iudged, demed, taken and vsed for the firste tyme onely, to all ententes, constructions and purposes, as a clerke conuicte, and shalbe in case of a clerke conuicte, whiche maye make purgation, without anye further, or other benefite, or priuilege of clergie, to any such lorde, or pere, from thencefurthe at any tyme after, for any case to be allowed, adiudged or admitted: any lawe, statute, vsage custome, or anye other thynge, to the contrary in any wyse notwithstandyng.

Prouided alwayes, that yf any of thesaied lordes of the Parliament, or any of the peres of this Realme for the tyme beynge, shall fortune to be indicted of any of the offences limited in this acte: That then, they and euery of them, shal haue his, or their triall, by their peres, as it hath been vsed heretofore in cases of high treason.

And be it further enacted by aucthoritie aforesayed, that yf anye persone, or persones, that by this statute, or by anye other statutes, or lawes of this Realme, ought to haue, or be admitted, to the benefyte of his, or their clergie: that the same persone and persones, shalbe from hencefurthe, admitted and allowed, to haue hys, or theyr clergie, although they, or any of theim haue been diuerse and sundery tymes maryed to any syngle woman, or syngle women, or to any wydowe, or wydowes, or to twoo wyfes, or mo: any lawe, statute, or vsage, to the contrary in any wyse notwithstandyng.

And ouer that, it is ordeyned and enacted by the auctoritie aforesayed, that albeit any persone, or persones, of what estate, condition, or degre he, or they be, shall hereafter fortune to be attaynted, conuicted, or outlawed of anye treason, petit treason, misprysion of treason, murder, or felonye whatsoeuer: yet that notwithstandyng, euery woman, that is or shall fortune to be wyfe of the persone so attaynted, conuicted, or outlawed, shalbe endowhable and enhabled to demaunde, haue and enioye her dower, in lyke maner and fourme, as though her husbande had not been attaynted, conuicted, or outlawed: anye statute, lawe, vsage, or custome, to the contrarye in anye wyse notwithstandyng. Sauyng to all and euery other persone, and persones, bodyes politique and corporate, theyr heyres and successours, and to euerye of theim, other then to suche offendor or offendors, as shalbe attaynted, conuicted, or outlawed, all suche ryght, title, interest, entre, leasses, possession, condition, profiyte, commoditie and hereditamentes, as they, or any of them had, or should, or of ryght ought to haue, before, or at the tyme of thesayed attaynder, conuiction or vtlagary.

Prouided also, and be it enacted by the auctoritie aforesayed, that one Acte made at the Parliament holden at Westmynster, vpon diuerse prorogatiõs, the.xii. daye of Februarye, in the.xxvii. yere of thesayed late kyng Henry the.viii. and there cõtinued and kept, vntyll the.xxiiii. daye of Aprill

of Apryll then nexte ensuynge, concernyng and touchyng the felonious takynge awaye by anye seruaunt, the gooddes or cattalles of the Master, or Mastres, and all articles, and sentences conteyned in thesame acte, shall stande, bee, and remayne in full strength, force, and effecte, in suche maner and forme, as it did before the makyng of this present acte, the repeale, or reuocation of the actes abouesayed, to the contrarye notwithstandyng.

Prouided allwaye, and be it enacted by the aucthoritie abouesayed, that no person, or persons, shall in any wise be empeached, or put to answere, for any of the offences abouesayed, concernyng treasons, by open preachyng, or wordes onely, onlesse the partie offendor, or offendors, be therof accused, within .xxx. dayes, next after thesame open preachyng, or wordes, so spoken or declared, yf the accusors shall fortune to be within this realme, duryng thesayed space of .xxx. dayes, next after thesayed offence committed, or doen. And yf the accusors shall happen to bee out of this realme, duryng thesayed space of .xxx. dayes: then the partie, or parties so offendyng, shalbe accused, as is aforesaied, within sixe monethes, next after thesame preachyng, or wordes so spoke or declared: or els the partie or parties, so offendyng, their aydors, comfortors, abbettors, and counsailors, or any of the, not to be empeached, or put to answere for any suche offence, or offences: And that thesame accusation, or accusations, so to be had, made and declared, shalbe made to one of the kynges counsaill, or to one of the kynges Justices of Assise, or els to one of the kynges Justices of peace, beyng of the Quorum, or to two Justices of the Peace, within the Shire, where thesame offence, or offences, shall happen to be doen or committed: any thyng conteyned in this acte, to the contrary therof in any wyse notwithstandyng.

Prouided also, and bee it declared and enacted, by the auctoritie abouesayed, that concelement, or keppyng secrete any high treason, shalbe from henseforth adiudged, demed and taken, misprysion of treason, and the offendor therein, shall forfaicte and suffer, as in cases of misprysion of treason, as heretofore hath been vsed: Any thyng aboue mencioned to the contrary notwithstandyng.

Prouided also, and be it declared & enacted by the auctoritie abouesayed, that this acte, or any thyng therin conteyned, shall not extende, to charge, or make any person, or persones, to be offendor, or offendors, in any of the articles abouesayed, for callyng, namyng, sayng, writyng, or printyng the Frenche kyng, for the tyme beyng, by the name of the kyng of Fraunce, or Frenche kyng: Any thyng aboue declared or enacted, to the contrary in any wyse notwithstandyng.

Prouided alwayes, and bee it enacted by the auctoritie aforesayed, that no persone, or persones, after the first daye of Februarye nexte commyng, shalbee indicted, arraigned, condempned, or conuicted, for any offence of treason, petit treason, misprysion of treason, or for any wordes

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before specifyed, to be spoken after the sayed firste daye of Februarye, for which, the same offendor, speaker, offendors, or speakers, shal in any wise suffer any peines of death, imprisonmēt, losse, or forfaicture of his goodes, cattalles, landes or tenementes: onelesse the same offendor, speaker, offendors, or speakers, be accused by twoo sufficiente and lawfull wytnesses, or shall willyngly, without violence, confesse the same.

## An acte for a Subsidy of tonnage and poundage of merchaundises, with a prouiso for the confirmation of the priuileges of the merchauntes of the Stellyarde, whiche prouiso shall indure but onely to the ende of this Parliament.

### The xiii. Chapiter.

IN their moste humble wyse shewē vnto your moste excellent Maiestie, youre poore Commons in thys your present Parliament assembled, that where aswell youre moste dereste father of famous memorye kyng Henry the eight, as also youre moste worthy graunde father kyng Henry the seuenth, and other youre noble Progenitours kynges of thys youre realme of Englande, tyme out of mynde, haue had graunted vnto theim and enioyed of the Commons of the same realme for the tyme beyng, by auctoritie of Parliament, for the defence of the same, now your realme, and the kepyng and saufegarde of the seas, for the entercourse of merchaūdise, safly to come into the same your realme, and to passe out of the same, certayn summes of money, named subsidies of all maner of goodes and merchaundyses, commyng in, or goyng out of the same your realme: And forasmuche as we youre sayed poore Commōs haue perceyued your Maiesties good fauor and will towardes vs your sayed poore Commons, had aswell in the defence of vs, and thys youre realme, agaynst your rebels the Scottes, as also the kepyng and sure defendyng of the seas agaynst all persones, intendyng the disturbaunce and inuasion of this your realme, and vs your sayed Commons to oure greate comforte and reioysyng, as cause requireth, and to youre Maiesties greate costes, charges, and expenses, and also not doubtyng the sequele of the same, yf nede shall require: Wee therefore your sayed poore Commons, as bounden of duetie, humbly desyre youre excellent Maiestie, benignely and fauorably to take, accepte and receyue these oure poore graunte hereafter insuyng, as graunted of true hartes and good wylles, whiche we beare to youre highnes towardes youre sayed greate costes, charges and expenses, aswell heretofore expended and layed oute, as hereafter by youre Maiestie for the causes aforesayed, when nede shall require, to bee expended and layed oute, as the firste fruytes of oure good wylles and hartes towardes youre highnes although the same do, or hereafter shall nothynge in effect counteruayle

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your said costes, charges and expenses, whiche we be not hable fully to gratifie by any meanes. Firste, we your poore Commons by the aduise and assent of the Lordes spirituall and temporall, in this your present parliament assembled, and by the auctoritie of thesame, to the intent aforesaid, geue and graunt to you our said souereigne lorde, one subsedie called Tonage, that is to say, of euery tunne of wine commyng, or that shall, or is come into this your realme, by waie of marchaundise, the summe of .iii. s. & so after the rate: And of euery tunne of swete wine, aswell Malmesey as other, that shall, or is come into thesame youre realme, by euery, or any marchaunt Alien, aswel by the marchauntes of Haunse and Almain, as by any other marchaunt straūgier, of what nacion soeuer he bee, iii. s, and so after the rate, ouer and aboue the .iii. s. afore graunted. And of euery awne of Reynishe wine commyng, or that shal, or is come into this your realme by way of marchaundise, by euery or any marchaunt denison or alien, of what naciō soeuer he be .xii. d. And also one other subsedie called Poundage, that is to saie, of all maner of gooddes and Marchaundises, of euery Marchaunt Denison and alien whatsoeuer he bee, caried and to bee caried out of this your saied realme, or brought, or to be brought into thesame by waie of marchaundises, of the value of euery .xx. s. of thesame gooddes and marchaūdises .xii. d. and so after the rate. And of euery .xx. s. value of tynne and pewter vessell caried out of this your realme, by any & euery marchaunt alien .xii. d, ouer and aboue the .xii. d. afore saied. Excepte alwayes and forprised out of this graunt of subsedy of poundage, all maner of wollē clothe made and wrought, or that shalbe made & wrought within this your realme of Englande, and by euery or any marchaunt denison and not borne alien, caried or to be caried out of this your said realme, and all maner wolle, wollefelles, and hydes and backes of lether also caried or to bee caried out of this your realme: and all wynes and all maner freshfishe and bestiall, commyng, or that is, or shal come into thesame your realme.

And further we your saied poore commons by the aduise, assent and auctoritie afore saied, geue and graunt vnto you our said souereigne lorde, for the causes aboue rehersed, one other Subsedy of all maner of Wolle, Wollefelles and lether, caried or to bee caried out of this your realme in maner and forme folowyng, that is to say, of euery marchaūt denison, of & for euery sacke of wolle .xxxiii. s. iiii. d. And of euery .CCxl wolfelles .xxxiii. s. iiii. d. And of & for euery last of hides and backes, of euery such marchaunt denison .iii. l. vi. s. viii. d. And also of euery marchaunt straungier, not borne your liege man, aswell those that be made denisons, as hereafter shalbe made by letters patentes or otherwise, as all other marchaunt straungiers, of and for euery sacke of wolle. iii. l. vi. s. viii. d. And of and for euery. CCxl. wollefelles. iii. l. vi. s. viii. d. And also of euery last of hides and backes. iii. l. xiii. s. iiii. d. And so of

all theſaied wolles, wollefelles, hides and backes, and euery of theim after the rate that ſo is or ſhalbe caried: To haue, take, enioye and perceiue the Subſedies aforeſaied, and euery of them, and euery part and percell of them to your highnes, from the firſt daie of your moſte noble reigne, duryng your life naturall.

And further we your ſaid poore Commõs moſte humbly deſire your maieſtie that it maie be enacted by your highnes, by the aduiſe and aſſent of the lordes aforeſaied, and vs your ſaied Commons, and by the foreſaid auctheritie of this preſent parliament aſſembled, that the gyftes and grauntes aforeſaied, ſhalbee good and effectuall accordyng to the true meanyng of theſame. And that it maie bee further enacted by the auctheritie aforeſaied, that if any wines, gooddes, marchaundiſes, wolles, wollfelles, hides & backes of lether aforeſaid, or other thynges aforeſpecified, wherof the ſubſedies aforeſaid, or any of the is or ſhalbe hereafter due, ſhall at any tyme hereafter duryng the tyme aforeſaied, be ſhipped or put into any Boate, Crayer, Ship or veſſel, to that intent to bee caried into the partes of beyonde the ſea, or els be brought from the partes of beyõd the ſea, into any Port, Hauen, Creke or other place of this your realme by waie of marchaundiſe, and there laied on lande, the Subſedy aforeſaied of theſame, (due or to bee due by reaſon of this graunt) not paied, or the Collector of theſame ſubſedy not agreed with for theſame, accordyng to the true meanyng and intent of theſe aforeſaied grauntes, and euery of them: that then from the firſte daie of Marche nexte commyng, and not before, all theſaied wynes, gooddes, marchaundiſes, wolles, wollefelles, hydes and backes, and other the premiſſes aforeſaied, and euery parte and percell thereof ſo ſhipped, or els put into any Boate, Crayer or other veſſell aforeſaied, to the intent aforeſaid, or brought into this realme, & there laied on lande as is alſo aforeſaid, ſhal remain forfeict to your highnes, duryng the tyme aforeſaid: the one moytie therof, or the value therof to your highnes, and the other moitie to hym or them that ſhal ſeaze theſame or ſue for theſame. And that it maie pleaſe your highnes that all marchauntes, aſwell denizens as ſtraungiers, commyng into this your realme, be wel and honeſtly intreated and demeaned, as thei were in the tyme of your aforeſaied noble progenitors, without oppreſſion to theim to bee doen, paiyng the Subſedies aboueſaid.

And further, that it be enacted by the auctheritie aforeſaid, that if any gooddes, marchaundiſes, wolles, wollefelles or lether aforeſaid or any part therof, of any marchaunt denizõ, naturally borne your liege man, which ſhall paſſe out of this your ſaid realme, after theſaid firſt daie of Marche, duryng the terme of this gifte and graunt, ſhall happen to be taken with enemies or Pirates vpon the ſea, or periſhed by infortune in any ſhip or ſhippes, that ſhall happen to be taken or periſhed within the tyme of theſaid graunt, wherof the Subſedies aforeſaied or any

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of theim to your highnes due or to bee due, is, or shalbe in forme aforesaied duely paied or agreed for, without fraude or collusion, and suche losse or losses as been before reherſed, bee found and proued before the Threasorer of Englande, or the chief Baron of your Eschequer for the tyme beyng, by the examinacion of thesame marchauntes, if thei bee on liue, or of their executors or administrators if thei bee dedde, or twoo true credible persones sworne, or other reasonable witnesses and proues sworne, witnessyng thesame marchaundises so to be lost or perished that then thesame marchauntes denizons, that wer or shalbe owners of the aforesaied gooddes, marchaundises, wolle, wollefelles, hides or other marchaundises aforesaied, as shalbe so perished or lost, if thei bee on liue, or their executors and administrators if thei be dedde, and euery of theim, by force and vertue of this acte when theim liketh, duryng thesaid terme, shall now ship asmuche wolle, wollefelles, hydes or other marchaundise in thesame Porte or Portes, in whiche thesame wolle, wollefelles, hides or other gooddes and marchaundises aforesaied, so lost and perished, wer or shalbe shipped without any of the Subsedies aforesaid, now graunted, to be had or paied therfore to you in any wise and that all suche proues of the premisses so to bee loste or perished, bee certefied into your Chauncery by your saied Threasorer or chief Barō there to remain of Record, and after suche certificat made, the Chauncelor of Englande, or the lorde keper of your greate seale, for the tyme beyng, do make and deliuer vnto thesaid marchauntes, their executors or administrators, or any of theim, or to their attorney or attorneyes in that behaulfe, or any of them, asmany and suche writtes and warrauntes, to be directed aswell to the Collectors of the Subsedies aforesaid, or any, or euery of theim for the tyme beyng, as to the Threasorer and Barons of your Eschequer for the tyme beyng, as shalbe requisite and nedefull for thesaied marchauntes, their executors or administrators, or their attorney or attorneys or any of them, or thesaied Collectors or any of them, to haue for the obteinyng, aswell of the shippyng, as of allowaunce therof: And further that euery marchaunt denizon, that shall ship hereafter any wolle, wollefelles, hides, or any other gooddes and marchanndises in any Carricke or Galley, shall paie to your maiestie duryng the tyme aforesaied, all maner of Customes and all the Subsedies aforesaied, as any alien borne out of this your realme.

Prouided alwaies, that no acte, statute or ordinaunce, had, made or to be made in this present parliament, be in any wise hurtfull or preiudiciall vnto the marchaūtes of the Hanse in Almayn, hauyng the house in the citee of London, commonly called Gunihalda Theutonicorum, nor to any fraunchises, liberties or priuileges to them or their predecessors before this tyme had, agreed, graunted or confirmed, nor to any lawful vsages by them or by their predecessors before this tyme vsed, but that thesaied marchauntes and their successors, haue, holde and enioye all

their saied fraunchises, libertes and free vsages, accordyng to suche grauntes, confirmacions and agrementes, as by the kyng and his noble progenitors kynges of Englande haue been agreed, made & graũted, and had to thesaied merchauntes or their predecessors, and according to their lawfull vsages in euery thing, by whatsoeuer other name or names, thesame merchauntes or any of theim bee called or named, any acte, statute, or ordinaunce made or to be made in this present parliament to the contrary notwithstandyng: This present prouiso to indure and continue vnto the ende of this present parliament.

## ¶ The.xiiij.Chapiter.

### An acte, whereby certain Chaunteries, Colleges, free Chapelles, and the possessions of thesame, bee geuen to the kynges Maiestie.

THE kynges moste louyng subiectes, the lordes spiritual and temporall, and the commons in this present parliamẽt assembled, considerynge that a great part of superstition and errors in Christian religiõ hath been brought into the myndes and estimacion of men, by reason of the ignorauũce of their very true and perfecte saluacion, through the death of Jesus Christ, and by deuising and phantasying vain opinions of Purgatory, and Masses satisfactorie, to be doen for thẽ, which be departed: The whiche doctryne and vain opinion, by nothyng more is mainteined, and vpholden, then by the abuse of Trentalles, Chauntreis, and other prouisions, made for the continuaunce of thesaid blindenes and ignorauncẽ: And further considerynge and vnderstandyng, that the alteracion, chaunge, and amendemẽt of thesame, and conuertyng to good and Godly vses, as in erectyng Grammer schooles to the educacion of youthe in vertue and Godlines, the further augmentyng of the vniuersities, and better prouision for the poore and nedy, cannot in this present parliament be prouided and conueniently doen, nor cannot, ne ought to any other maner person be committed, then to the kynges highnes, whose Maiestie, with, and by the aduise of his highnesse moste prudent counsaill, can and will moste wisely, and beneficially, bothe for the honor of God, and the weale of this his maiesties realme, order, alter, conuerte, and dispose thesame: And callyng further to their remẽbraunce, that in the parliament holden at Westminster the. xxxvii yere of the reigne of our late souereigne lorde kyng Henry the eight, father to our moste dread and naturall souereigne Lorde the kyng, that now is: It was ordeined, enacted, and established emongest other thinges, that al and synguler Colleges, free Chapelles, Chaunteries, Hospitalles, Fraternities, Brotherheddes, Guyldes, and other promocions, mencioned in thesaied former acte, had or made, to haue continuaunce

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in perpetuitie for euer, and then beyng, or that had, or ought to be contributory or chargeable to the paiment of the first fruites and tenthes, according to the lawes and statutes in that behaulfe had and made, by what name, surname, degree, or corporacion, thei, or any of them, wer founded, ordened, established, erected, named, called, or knowen: and al and synguler the mansion, houses, manours, orchardes, gardens, landes, tenementes, pastures, woodes, waters, rétes, reuercions, seruices, commons, tithes, pencions, porcions, churches, chapelles, aduousions, nominaciõs, patronages, annuities, rightes, interestes, entrees, cõdicions, leetes, courtes, liberties, priuileges, fraunchises, & other hereditamentes whatsoeuer, then apperteinyng, or belonging, or that did appertein or belõg, or wer assigned or appointed, to any such College, frechapel, Chauntry, Hospital, Fraternitie, brotherhed, guild, stipẽdary priest, or other thesaid promocions, or to any of them, or accepted, knowen, or taken as part, percell or mẽbre of thẽ, or of any of thẽ: & to thesaid Colleges, Chauntreis, fre Chapels, Hospitalles, Fraternities, Brotherhed, guild, stipẽdary prestes, or other promociõs, or to any of thẽ vnited, or annexed: whiche betwene the. iiii. daie of Febuary in the. xxvii. yere of thesaid late kynges reigne, & the. xxv. day of December in the. xxxvii. of his graces reigne, by reason of any entree, expulsiõ, bargain, sale, feoffemẽt, fine, recouery, lease, or other cõueiaũce therof made, wer dissolued, determined or relinquissed, by any of the waies, meanes, or conueiaũces, mencioned in thesaid acte, or otherwise, other then suche of them, as then wer in the possession of thesaid late kyng, or that wer graunted, or assured by his licence, agrement, consent, or letters patentes, to any persone, or persones, or then had been lawfully obteined, or recouered by any person, by any former right, or title, without fraude, or coyn, or by the kynges licence, should from thencefurthe by aucthoritie of thesame former acte, be adiudged and demed, and also be in the very actual and reall possession and season of thesaid late kyng, & of his heires and successors for euer: in as large and ample maner, as thesaid prestes, wardens, maisters, ministers, gouernors, rulers, or other incumbentes, or any of them, or the patrons, donors, or foundors of them, or any of them at any tyme sythens thesaied fourth daie of Febuary, in the. xxvii. yere aforesaid, had, occupied or enioied, or then had, occupied, or enioyed the same, and as though all and singuler thesaied Colleges, Chauntreis, Hospitalles, fre Chapelles, Fraternities, Brotherheddes, Guildes, and other thesaied promocions, and thesaied manours, landes, tenementes, hereditamentes, and other the premisses whatsoeuer thei ber, and euery of them, had been in thesaid former acte, specially, particularly, and certainly rehersed, named, and expressed, by expresse wordes, names, surnames, corporacions, titles and faculties, and in their naturall kyndes and qualities: thesaid entrees, expulsions, bargaynes, sales, fynes, feoffementes, recoueries, or other assuraunce, and conueighaunce whatsoe-

ner thei were, had or made (except before in the former acte excepted) to the contrary notwithstandyng. And where also it was enacted and graunted to the said late kyng, by the said former acte, that the same late kyng, duryng his naturall life, might make, and directe his Commission and Commissions, vnder his greate seale, to entre into all and singuler suche and as many Chauntreis, free Chapelles, Hospitalles, Colleges, and other the promocions mencioned in the said former acte and into al, & singuler suche Manours, Mansions, Houses, Mesuages, Landes, Tenementes, Pastures, Woodes, Waters, Rentes, Reuercions, Seruices, Possessions, and other Hereditamentes whatsoeuer, or into any parte, or peretl therof, in the name, season, and possession of all the Hereditamentes, annexed, vnited, belongyng, or apperteignyng to any Chauntry, Hospitall, free Chapell, College, Fraternitie, Brotherhedde, Guylde, or other the said promocions, or wherof any Priestes, Pronostes, Gouernors, Rulers, and other Incumbentes of them, or any of the by what name, surname, degree, title, or Corporacion, thei, and euery of them, or any of them were founded, erected, ordeined, established, named, called, or knowen, then had, or enioyed, or that thereafter should haue or enioye, to the said Chauntreis, Hospitalles, free Chapelles, Colleges, Fraternities, Brotherheddes, Guildes, or other the said promocions, that then were chargeable to the paiment of the firste fruites, and Tenthes: and all Colleges that wer chargeable, or not chargeable to the said paiment of the first fruites, and tenthes, as is aforesaied, or to any of them, as should be named, expressed and appoynted in the said commission or commissions: and to seise and take the same Chauntreis, Hospitalles, Colleges, free Chapelles, Fraternities, Brotherheddes, Guildes, and other the said promocions, Manours, Landes, Tenementes, and other the premisses mencioned in the said Commission, or commissions, and in euery of them, and euery parte, peretl, and membre of the same, into the kinges possession and handes: to haue and to hold the same to the said late kyng, and to his heires and successors for euer, as by the said former acte, emongest other thynges, more at large appereth: it is now ordeined, and enacted by the kyng our souereigne lorde, with the assent of the Lordes and Commons in this present Parliament assembled, and by the auctoritie of the same, that all maner of Colleges, free Chapelles, and Chauntreis, hauyng, beyng, or in esse, within fiue yeres next before the first date of this present Parliament, whiche were not in actuall and reall possession of the said late kyng, nor in the actuall and reall possessiō of the kyng our sourreigne lorde that now is, nor excepted in the said former acte, in forme aboue said, other then suche, as by the kynges Commissions in forme hereafter mencioned, shalbee altered, transposed or chaunged: and al Manours, Landes, Tenementes, Rentes, Tithes, Pencions, Porcions, and other Herditamentes, and thynges aboue mencioned, belongyng to them, or any of them: and

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also all Manours, Landes, Tenementes, Rentes, and other Hereditamentes, and thinges aboue mencioned, by any maner of assuraunce, cõueighaunce, will, deuise, or otherwise, had, made, suffered, knowledged, or declared, geuen, assigned, limited, or appointed, to the findyng of any Prieste, to haue continuaunce for euer: and wherewith, or whereby, any Prieste was susteined, mainteined, or found, within fiue yeres nexte before the first date of this present parliamẽt, whiche wer not in the actuall and reall possession of thesaid late kyng, nor in the actuall & reall possessiõ of our souereigne lorde the kyng that now is: and also, all annuall rentes, profites, and emolumentes, at any tyme within fiue yeres next before the beginnyng of this present Parliament, employed, paied or bestowed, toward, or for the mainteinaunce, supportaciõ, or findyng of any Stipendary prieste, intended by any acte, or writyng to haue cõtinuaunce for euer, shall, by thauctholitie of this present Parliament, immediatly after the feaste of Easter next cõmyng, be adiudged and demed, and also bee in the very actuall and reall possession and seasen of the kyng our souereigne lorde, and his heires and successors, for euer, without any office or other inquisicion therof to bee had or found, and in as large & ample maner and forme, as the Prieste, Wardens, Maisters, Ministers, Gouernors, Rulers, or other incumbentes of theim, or any of theim, at any tyme within fiue yeres next before the beginnyng of this present Parliament, had, occupied, or enioyed, or now hath, occupieth, or enioyeth thesame, and as though all and singuler thesaied Colleges, free Chapelles, Chaũtreis, Stipendes, Salaries of Prieste, and thesaid Manours, Landes, Tenementes, Hereditamẽtes, and other the premisses whatsoeuer thei be, and euery of theim, were in this present acte specially, particularly, and certainly reherced, named, and expressed, by expresse woordes, names, surnames, corporacions, titles, and faculties, and in their natures, kyndes, and qualities.

And ouer that, bee it ordeined and enacted by the auctholitie of this present Parliament, that where any Manours, Landes, Tenementes, Tithes, Pencions, Porcions, Rentes, profites, or other Hereditamẽtes by any maner of assuraunce, conueighaunce, will, deuise or otherwise, at any tyme heretofore had, made, suffred, knowledged, or declared, wer geuen, assigned, or appoynted, to, or for the maintenaunce, sustentacion or findyng of one prieste or of diuerse prieste, for terme of certain yeres yet continuyng, and that any prieste hath been mainteined, susteined, or found with thesame, or with the reuennes, or profites thereof, within .v. yeres laste past, that the kyng, from thesaid feaste of Easter nexte comynyng, shall haue and enioy, in euery behaulfe, for, and duryng al suche tyme to come, euery suche, and like thynges, Tenementes, Hereditamẽtes, profites and emolumẽtes, as the prieste or prieste, ought, or should haue had, for, or towarde his, or their mainteinaunce, susteinaunce, or fyndyng, and for no lenger, or further tyme, nor for any other profite,

aduauntage, or commoditie therof to be taken.

Prouided alwaies, and it is ordeined, and enacted by the authoritie of this present parliament, that when and assone as the tyme assigned, for the maintenaunce, sustentacion, or findyng of the priest or priestes shalbe expired and runne: that then it shalbe lawfull to euery persone, and persones, to whom any manours, landes, tenementes, tithes, porcions, pencions, rentes, and other hereditamentes, or any of them, should haue belonged or appertayned, if thesaid former acte and this act had neuer been had or made, to entre into, take, perceiue, haue, and enioy the same, without any maner of leuyey, ouster le mayne, petition, or other suite to be made to the kyng, in like maner, forme, and condicion, to all intentes, constructions, and purposes, as though thesaid former acte and this act, had neuer been had, or made, and as though the kyng had neuer had any season or possession therof: Any thyng in thesaid former acte, or in this acte, to the contrary in any wise notwithstandyng.

And be it ordeined and enacted, by thaucthoritie of this present parliament, that the kyng, our souereigne lorde, his heires and successors, from thesaid feast of Easter nexte commyng, shall haue, hold, perceiue, and enioye for euer, all landes, tenementes, rentes, and other hereditamentes, whiche by any maner of assurance, conueighaunce, willes, wil deuise, or otherwise, at any tyme heretofore had, made, suffered, knowe-ledged, or declared, wer geuen, assigned, or appoynted, to go, or bee employed wholy to the findyng, or maintenaunce of any Anniuersary, or Obite, or other like thyng, entent, or purpose, or of any light or lampe, in any Churche or chapell, to haue continuaunce for euer, whiche hath been kept or maintened, within fiue yeres next before thesaid first day of this present Parliament.

And also, that where but part of the issues or reuenewes of any manours, landes, tenemētes, rentes, or other hereditamentes, hath by any of the waies or meanes aboue saide, been geuen, assigned, or appoynted, to bee bestowed or employed, to the findyng or maintenaunce of any Anniuersary or Obite, or other like thyng, intent, or purpose, or of any light or lampe, in any Churche, or Chapell, and to haue continuaunce for euer: that then our souereigne lord the king, shal, frō thesaid feast of Easter next commyng, for euer haue, perceiue, and enioye, euery suche summes of money, that in any one yere within fiue yeres nexte before the first date of this present parliament, hath been expended and bestowed about the findyng or maintenaunce of any suche Anniuersary, or Obite, or other like thyng, intent, or purpose, or of any light or lampe, to him, his heires, and successors, for euer, as a rent charge to bee paied yerely, at the feastes of saincte Michaell Thatchaungell, and Thannunciacion of our Lady saincte Mary the Virgin, by euen porcions, in the kynges Courte of the Augmentacions, & reuenewes of his croune or in any other Court, or Courtes, as the kyng hereafter shall appoint.

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And that it shalbe lawfull to our said souereigne Lorde the kyng, his heires, and successors, for none paiment of any suche summe or summes of money, to distreyne in the said Manours, Landes, & Tenementes, of the issues and reuenues, whereof the saied Anniuersary or Obite, or other like thyng or any suche light or Lampe was founde, susteined, or maynteined. And that for lacke of sufficient distresse, in, or vpon any of the premisses, wherof any of the said perely rentes, or summes of money, should be paied by the space of one moneth nexte after, that any of the saied rentes should be paied, and be not paied within the saied moneth: that then it shalbe lawfull, to, and for our souereigne lord the kyng, his heires and successors, by vertue of this present acte, to enter into, and to haue, and possede, asmuche of the landes, tenementes, and hereditamentes, wherof the saied rent or rentes, should be leuied or paied, as the rente or rentes that should bee leuied or paied out of the same, dooth or shall amounte or come to, in perely value, and the same landes, tenemētes, and hereditamentes to holde, and kepe, and haue to our saied souereigne Lorde the kyng, his heires, and assignes for euer, or for suche estate, as our souereigne Lorde the kyng, his heires, or successors, had, or ought to haue had, of, or in the said rent, or rentes.

And also it is ordeined and enacted, by the aucthoritie of this presēt Parliament, that our souereigne Lorde the kyng, shall, from the said feast of Easter nexte commyng haue, perceiue, and enioye all and synguler suche summes of money, proffites, commodities and emolumentes, whiche by vertue of any maner of assuraunce, conueighaunce, cōposicīō, will, deuise, or otherwise, heretofore haue been geuen, assigned limited, or appoynted, to haue continuaunce for euer, whiche in any one yere, within fiue yeres nexte before the beginnyng of this present Parliament, haue been paied, bestowed, or employed, by any maner of Corporacions, Guildes, Fraternities, Companies, or Fellowshippes of Misteries or Craftes, or any of them, beyng in Englande, Wales, and other the kynges Dominions, or by the Maisters, Wardens, Gouernors, or other Officers, or Ministers, or by the Maister, Warden, Gouernor, or other Officer or Minister of them, or any of them, toward, or aboute the fyndyng, maintenaunce, or sustentacion of any prieste, or priestes, of any Anniuersary, or Obite, lampe, light or lightes, or other like thyng, as is aforesaied, to our saied souereigne lorde the kyng, his heires, and successors for euer. To be paied yerely, as a rent charge, at ye feastes of sainct Michaell Tharchaungel, and the Annunciacīō of our Lady, by euen portions, in the kynges Courte of the Augmentacions and reuenues of his Croune, or in any other Courte or Courtes, as the kyng hereafter shall appoynt. And that it shalbe lawfull to our said souereigne Lorde the kyng, his heires, and successors, for none payment of any suche summes, or summe of money, proffite, commoditie, or emolument, or for none payment of any of them, to distreine in all the Ma-

nours, Landes, and Tenementes, of euery suche Crafftes, Corporacions, Guyldes, Fraternities, Companies, or Felowshippes of Misteries, or Crafftes, or any of theim, by whom, or by the Maisters, Wardens, Gouernours, or other Officers, or Ministers, or Maister, Warden, Gouernor, or Minister, of the whiche any suche summes or summe of money, profite, commoditie, or emolument, haue, or hath been paied bestowed or employed: And that all and euery of thesaied summes of money, profites, commodities, and emolumentes, shall, from the feast of Easter nexte commyng, without any maner of inquisicion or office, to bee had or founde, bee iudged and demed, to bee in the actuall and reall possession of our saied souereigne Lorde the kyng, in like maner and forme, to all intentes, constructions, and purposes, as if thesame had been particularly and specially mencioned in this present acte.

And furthermore bee it ordered and enacted by the aucthoritie aforesaied, that the kyng our souereigne Lorde, shall, from thesaied feaste of Easter nexte commyng, haue, and enioye to hym, his heires and successours for euer, all Fraternities, Brotherheddes, and Guyldes, beyng within the Realme of Englande, and Wales, and other the kynges Dominions: and all Manors, Landes, Tenementes, & other Hereditamentes, belongyng to them or any of the, other then suche corporacions, Guyldes, Fraternities, Companies, and Felowshippes of Misteries or crafftes, and the Manors, Landes, tenementes, and other Hereditamentes, perteignyng to thesaied Corporacions, Guyldes, Fraternities, Compaignies, and Felowshippes of Misteries or Crafftes, aboue mencioned: And shal, by vertue of this acte, bee iudged and demed, in actuall and reall possession of oure saied souereigne Lorde the kyng, his heires and successours, from thesaied feaste of Easter nexte commyng for euer, without any inquisicion, or Office, thereof to be had or founde.

And also bee it ordeyned and enacted by the aucthoritie aforesaied, that oure saied souereigne Lorde the kyng, his heires, and successors, at his, and their will and pleasure, maie directe his, and their Commissions and Comission, vnder the great Seale of Englande, to suche persones, as it shall please hym: And that thesame Commissioners, or twoo of theim at the leaste, shall haue full power and aucthoritie, by vertue of this acte, and of thesaied Commission, aswell to Surueye all and synguler Laye Corporacions, Guyldes, Fraternities, Compaignies, and Felowshippes of Misteries, or Crafftes incorporate, and euery of theim, as all other thesaied Fraternities, Brotherheddes, and Guyldes, within the limites of their Commission, to theim directed: And all the Euidences, Compolicions, Bookes of Accomptes, and other writynges of euery of theim, to the intent thereby to knowe, what money, and other thynges, was paied, or bestowed to the fyndyng or mainteinaunce of any Prieste, or Priesles, Anniuersaie, or Obite,

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or other like thyng, Light or Lampe, by theim, or any of theim: As also to inquire, searche, and trye, by all suche waies and meanes, as to theim shalbee thoughte meete, and conueniente, what Manours, Landes, Tenementes, Rentes, and other Hereditamentes, Proffites, Commodities, Emolumentes, and other thynges, bee geuen, limited, or appoynted, to oure saied souereigne Lorde the Kyng by this acte, within the limites of their Commission. And also that thesame Commissioners, or twoo of theim at the leaste, by vertue of this acte, and of the Commission to theim directed, shall haue full power and aucthoritie to assygne, and shall appoynte in euerye suche place, where Guylde, Fraternitie, the Prieste, or Incumbente of any Chauntrey in esse, the firste daie of this present Parliamente, by the Foundacion, Ordynaunce, or firste Institucion thereof, should, or oughte to haue kepte a Grammer schoole, or a Preacher, and so hath dooen, sythen the feaste of Saincte Michaell the Archaungell laste paste, Landes, Tenementes, and other Hereditamentes, of euery suche Chauntrey, Guylde, and Fraternitie, to remayne, and continue in succession to a schoole Master, or Preacher for euer, for, and towarde the kepyng of a Grammer Schoole, or Preachyng, and for suche Godly intentes, and purposes, and in suche maner and fourme, as thesame Commissioners, or twoo of theim at the leaste, shall assigne or appoynte: And also to make and ordeyne a Vicare, to haue perpetuitie for euer, in euery Parishe Churche, the firste daye of this presente Parliamente, beyng a College, free Chapell, or Chauntery, or appropried, annexed, or vnited, to any College, free Chapell, or Chauntrey, that shall come to the Kynges handes by vertue of this acte, and to endowe euery suche Vicare sufficiently, hauyng respecte to his Cure and charge, thesame endowmente to bee to euery suche Vicar, and to his successours for euer, withoute any other licence, or graunte of the Kyng, the Bishoppe or other Officers of the Diocesse. And also thesaied Commissioners, or twoo of theim at the leaste, shall haue aucthoritie by force of this acte, to assigne in euery greate Toune, or Parishe, where thei shall thynke necessarye, to haue mo Priestes then one, for the ministeryng of the Sacramentes, within thesame Toune, or Parishe, Landes, and Tenementes, belongyng to any Chauntery, Chapell, or Stipendary Prieste, beyng within thesame Toune or Parishe, the firste daye of this presente Parliamente, to bee to suche persone, and persones, as thesaied Commissioners, or twoo of them at the leaste, shall assigne, or appoynte to continue in succession for euer, for, and towardes the sufficiente fyndyng, or mayntenaunce of one, or mo Priestes, within thesame Toune or Parishe, as by thesaied Commissioners, or twoo of theim, shalbee thoughte necessarie and conueniente. And aswell to make Ordinaunces and Rules, concernyng, the seruice, vser, and demeanour of euerye suche Prieste, and Schoole Master, as is aforesaied to bee appoynted,

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ted, as also, by what name, or names, he and thei, shall from hence-furthe bee named and called: And also that thesaied Commissioners, or twoo of theim at the leaste, shall haue full power, and aucthoritie, by vertue of this acte, and of thesaied Commission to theim directed, to assigne aswell to euery Deane, Maister, Warden, Prouoste, and other Incumbente, and Minister of any of thesaied Colleges, free Chapelles, or Chauntryes, beeyng within the limites of their Commission, whiche hereafter shalbee dissolued or determined by vertue of this acte, as to euery Stipendary Prieste, and other Prieste, whose Salarye, the kyng shalbee intituled vnto, by this acte, as to euery fellowe and pooze persone, hauyng yerely reliefe, out of any of thesaied Colleges, free Chapelles, or Chauntryes, beyng within the limites of their Commission, suche seuerall yerely Annuities, Pencions, or other recompenses, duryng their seuerall lifes, as to thesame Commissioners, or to twoo of theim, shalbee thought meete and conuenient. And ouer that thesaied Commissioners, or twoo of theim at the leaste, shall haue full power and aucthoritie by vertue of this acte, and of the Commission to theim directed, to inquire and trye, by suche waies and meanes as thei shall thynke mete, and conuenient, what money, profite and benefite, any pooze persone, or persones, by vertue of any conueighaunce, assuraunce, composicion, will, deuise, or otherwise, heretofore had, or made, intended, or meante to haue continuaunce for euer, had, or enioyed, within fiue yeres, nexte before the beginnyng of this present Parliamente, oute of any College, free Chapell, or Chauntrye, and other the premisses, geuen, limited, or appoynted to the kyng, by this acte, beyng within the limites of their Commission: And thereupon, to make assignementes and orders, in suche maner and forme, as all and synguler suche saied money, profite and commoditie, shalbee paied to pooze people for euer: Accordyng to suche saied assuraunce, composicion, will, deuise, or other thyng, had, or made for thesame, and to assigne and appoynte, Landes, Tenementes, or other Hereditamentes, percel of the premisses, for the maintenaunce, and continuaunce of thesame for euer, and also to appoynte to Fraternities, Brotherheedes, and Guyldes, Landes, Tenementes, and Hereditamentes, percell of the premisses, towardes, & for the maintenaunce of Piers, Iutties, walles, and Bankes, against the rages of the sea, Hauens, and Creekes. And that all and synguler Annuities, Pencions, and other recompenses, shalbe haulfe yerely paied to the persones, to whom thesame ought to be paied by the kynges Receiuor, for the tyme beyng, of his Landes commonly called the suppressed landes, or other his Reuenues, lyyng in the Countie or Citee, where suche College, free Chapell, or Chauntrye, or other the premisses, geuen, limitted or appoynted to the kyng, by this acte, the firste date of this present Parliament, were, or remained, without any Fee, or reparde, therefore to bee paied: The firste payment to begyn

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at the Feaſte of ſainct Michael the Archaungel nexte cõming. And that euerye ſuche Receiuour, vpon his accompte, ſhal haue full and due allowaunce, of all ſuch Annuities, Pentions, and other recompences, by him payed, by vertue of any ſuche aſſignement to be made, by theſayde Commiſſioners, or twoo of them at the leaſte.

And it is ordeined and enacted, by thauctoritie of this preſent parliament, that theſayde Commiſſioners, and euerye of them, that ſhall take vpon hym the execution of anye theſayde Commiſſions ſhalbe bounde, as he wyll aunſwere before God, to execute the Commiſſion, to hym and other directed, beneficiallye towardes the Deanes, Maſters, Wardens, Prouoſtes, and other Incumbentes, and Miniſters aforeſayde, and towardes the poore people, concernynge theſayde aſſignementes, and alſo towardes the maintenaunce of Piers, Juttyes, Walles, or Bankes, againſt the rages of the ſea, Hauens, and Crekes: And that all maner of aſſignementes and ordinaũces to be made, by theſayde Commiſſioners, or twoo of them at the leaſte, and certifyed vnder theyr ſeales, or the ſeales of two of them at the leaſte, into the Kynges Courte of the Augmentations and reuenues of hys crowne, or to anye other Courte, or courtes, by the Kynges Maieſtie to be made, or aſſigned, ſhall, by vertue of this acte, and of theſayde Commiſſions, be as good and effectuall in the law to all ententes, conſtructions, and purpoſes, as though theſame had bene aſſigned and ordeyned by auctoritie of thys preſente parliament, by expreſſe and apte wordes, termes and ſentences.

Prouided alſo, that ſuch Annuities, Pentions, or other recompences, that theſaide Commiſſioners, or any of them, ſhall aſſigne or appoynte, to be paied yerelie, to anye ſuche Deane, Maſter, Warden, Gouernour, or other Incumbente, Felowe, or miniſter, ſhall not extende to any more clere yerelie value, then ſuche, Deane, Maſter, Warden, Prouoſte, Gouernour, or other Incumbente, Felowe, or miniſter, or hys predeceſſour, lawfullie had, or enioyed in moneye, meate, drinke, liuerye, or allowaunce of theſame yerelye, wythin fyue yeres, nexte before the beginnynge of this preſente parliament.

Prouided alſo, that if any of theſayd Maſters, wardeyns, prouoſtes, gouernours, or other incumbentes, Felowe, or miniſters, ſhal at any tyme hereafter, durynge hys lyfe, be promoted by the Kynge, to anye benefyce, or other ſpirituall promotion, beinge of a better clere yerelie value, then his ſayde Annuitie, or Pention, or other recompence ſhalbe of: that then the annuitie, pention, or other former recõpence, that any ſuch Deane, Maſter, Wardeyn, Gouernour, or Prouoſte, or other Incumbente, Felowe, miniſter, that ſo ſhalbe promoted, ſhall haue, ſhall ymmediatlie after ſuche promocion had, ceaſe, and vtterly determine.

And be it ordeined and enacted by the auctoritie of this preſent parliament, that theſaied Commiſſioners, or twoo of them at the leaſte, to

whoin any Commission, by vertue or meane of this acte, shalbe directed, and delyuered, shalbe bounden vpon the forfaicture, euery of them of a hundreth poundes, to make a certificat vnder their Seales, or the Seales of twoo of them at the leaste, into thesaide Courte of Thaugmentations, and Reuenues of the Kynges crowne, or into anye other courte, as is aforesayde, within one yere nexte after the Commission to them directed, of all Mannours, Landes, Tenementes, Rentes, Tithes, Portions, Pentions, Hereditamentes, and recompenses, by thesame Commissioners or twoo of theim, assigned or appoynted to anye of the vses, intentes, or purposes above mencioned.

And also be it ordeyned and enacted, by thauctholitie of this presente parliament, that oure Souereigne Lorde the Kyng shall haue and enioye, all suche Goodes, Cattalles, Iuelles, Plate, Ornamentes, and other moueables, as were, or be the common Goodes, of euerye suche College, Chauntrye, Freechapell, or stipendarye priestes, belongynge or annexed to the furniture or seruyce of theyr seuerall foundations, or abused of anye of thesayde Corporations, in the abuses aforesayde, the propertye whereof was not altered nor chaunged before the. viii. daye of Decembre, in the yere of our Lorde God. M. CCCCC. xlvii.

And it is also ordeined and enacted, by the auctholitie of this present parliamente, that all suche debtes, and Summes of moneye, as ought, or shoulde, withoute fraude or couyn, hereafter be payed of the moneye or Goodes of anye of thesayde Colleges, due, or payable, by reason of any contracte, specialtie, or promes had, or made, before thesame. viii. daye, shal truelye and fully be payed by the Treasaurour of the Kynges Courte of the Augmentations, and Reuenues of hys crowne, or by the Treasaurour or Receyuour of anye other Courte, to whiche anye of the premisses shalbe appoynted, of the Kynges Treasure, beynge in his, or their handes, with as conueniente spede, as thesame maye be payed.

Prouided alwayes, and be it ordeyned and enacted by the auctholitie aforesayed, that thys Acte, or any article clause, or matter conteyned in the same, shall not in anye wyse extende to anye College, Hostell, or Haule, beyng within either of the Uniuersities of Cambrydge and Oxforde, nor to anye Chauntrye founded in any of the Colleges, Hostelles, or Haules, beyng in thesame Uniuersities, nor to the Freechapell of Saincte George the Martyr, scituate in the Castell of Windesore, nor to the College, called Saincte Marye College of Winchester, besydes Winchester, of the foundation of Bisshoppe Wykeham, nor to the College of Eton, nor to the Parryshe Churche, commonlye called the Chapell in the Sea in Newton, within the Isle of Elye, in the Countie of Cambrydge, nor to anye Mannours, Landes, Tenementes, or Hereditamentes, to theim, or to anye of thiem pertenynge or belongynge, nor to anye Chapell made, or ordeyned, for the ease of the people, dwellynge

lynge diſtaunte from theyr Parryſhe Churche, or ſuche lyke Chapel, whereunto nomore Landes, or Tenementes, then the Churche yarde, or a lytell Houſe, or Cloſe dothe belonge or pertaygne, nor to anye Cathedrall Church, or College, where a Biſhoppes ſea is, within this Realme of Englande, or in Wales, nor to the Mannours, Landes, Tenementes, or other Hereditamentes of anye of them, other then to ſuche Chauntryes, Obites, Lightes, and Lampes, or any of them, as at anye tyme, wythin fyue yeres nexte before the begynnynge of thys preſente Parliamente, haue bene had, vſed, or maintayned, within the ſayde Cathedrall Churches, or within anye of them, or of the Yſſues, Reuenues, or profettes of anye of theſayde Cathedrall Churches, to whiche Chauntryes, Obites, Lyghtes, and Lampes, it is enacted by thaucthoritie aforeſayde, that this Acte ſhall extende.

And it is ordeyned and enacted by the aucthoritie aforeſayde, that our ſouereigne lorde the Kyng, at any tyme, duringe hys lyfe (whiche God longe preſerue) may at his will and pleaſure, alter and chaunge the name or names of all and ſinguler Chauntryes, and the foundacions of theſame, beynge in anye of the Colleges, Hoſtelles, or Halles of any of theſayde Vniuerſities, accordynge as to hys godlye wiſedome ſhalbe thoughte mete and conueniente.

Prouyded alſo, that this Acte or anye thynge therein contayned ſhall not extende to any Chauntrye, Free Chapelle, Colledge, Hoſpitall, or Almeſhouſe, or to the Landes, Tenementes, or Hereditamentes, Goodes, Cattayles, or Reuenues of the ſame, or any parte thereof, whiche at the tyme of the makynge of this Acte ſhalbe in the poſſeſſion of the Kynges Maieſtie, by reaſon of any Acte of Parliamente, or otherwyſe

wythout the saide late Kynges licence, assente, consente, or agremente, and without the licence, assente, consent, or agremente, of the Kynges Maiestie that now is, by anye of the sayde Deanes, Maisters, Wardeyns, Ministers, Gouernours, Rulers, Priestes, or Incumbentes, or by the Foundours, Donors, or Patrones of them, or of anye of them, all such Righte, Title, Clayme, Possession, Interest, Rentes, Annuities, Cōmodities, Commōs, Offices, Fees, Leases, Lyueries, Liuynges Pentions, Portions, Debtes, Duties, and other profittes, which they, or any of the lawfully haue, or of right oughte to haue, or might haue had, in, of, or to any of the premisses, or in, of, or to anye parte or parcell therof, in such lyke maner, fourme, & condition, to all ententes, respectes, constructiōs & purposes, as yf this acte had neuer bene had nor made, and as thoughe the sayde Chauntryes, Colleges, and other the sayde promotions, had stille continued and remayned in their full beynge: And saynge to all and euerye Patrone, Donour, Foundor, or Geuour of anye suche College, Chaūtrye, Frechapell, Stipendarye Priestes, and other, the premisses, geuen, limited, or appoynted to the Kynge by this acte, and the donor Feoffor, and geuer of the aforesayde Landes, Tenementes, or Hereditamentes, to them, or anye of them, or to anye vses, or purpoles before mencioned, all suche Rentes, Seruices, Rentes seeke, Rentes charge, Fees, Annuities Profittes & Offices: and also leases for terme of lyfe, lyfes, & yeres, wherupon the accustomed rente, or more, is reserued, as they, or anye of them lawfullye had, percepued, and enioyed, in, oute, or of anye the sayde Promotions, or out of anye of the sayde Landes, Tenemētes, or Hereditamentes, before the firste daye of this present parliamente.

And ouer that, it is ordeyned and enacted, by the authoritie of this presente Parliamente, that all and euery person, and persones, beyng in lyke, whyche haue, or hathe for anye Summe of moneye to hym, or them payed, bargained or solde, any Mannours, Landes, Tenementes, or other Hereditamentes aforesayde, whereunto the Kynge oure Soueregne lorde is intituled by vertue of thys Acte, shall repaye to suche person, as so bought any of the sayde Mannours, Landes, Tenementes, or other Hereditamētes, or to his Executours, or assignes, vpon a requeste therefore made, or wythin three monethes then nexte ensuinge the same requeste, asmuche moneye, as he, or they receyued for the sale of the thynge, so by hym or them solde. And for none Payment therof, suche person and persones as purchased, or boughte the sayde Landes, Tenementes, and other the premisses, or anye parcell therof, and their Executours, and Administratours, shalbe enhabled by the authoritie of this present Parliament, to sue, and maintegne an action of Debte, at the cōmon lawes of this Realme, agaynste suche persone, or persones, as so bargayned or solde to hym, or them, or

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to their Testator anye of the premisses, belongynge to anye College, Chauntrye, Freechapell, or other Promotion spirituall, in whiche action of Debte, none essoyne, protection or wager of lawe shalbe admitted, or allowed.

And be it further enacted by the authoritie aforesayd, that all, and euerye of thesayde Chauntryes, Colleges, and Freechapelles, & other the premisses, geuen, limited, or appoynted to the kynge by this acte, and all the Mansion, Houses, Mānours, Landes, Tenemētes, Possessions, and Hereditamētes, and other the premisses whatsoeuer they be, geuen, limited, and appoynted to the kynge by thys acte, and euerye parte and percell of them, which by authoritie and vertue of this acte, bene vested, adiudged, and demed, or shalbe in the kynges Maiesties possession and handes, or which the kyng shalbe entituled vnto, by vertue of thys acte, shalbe in the order, Suruaye and gouernaunce, of oure Souereigne Lorde the kynges Courte of the Augmentations and Reuenues of his crowne, or in such other Courte, as the kynge at any tyme hereafter shall assigne, name, or appoynte, and so shall, and maye be graunted, letten and set to farme by the Chauncellour, Officers, and Ministers of thesame Courte, or of anye other Courte so to be appoynted, in suche maner and forme, as other Mannours, Landes, Tenementes, appoynted to thesame Courte of Augmentations, and Reuenues of hys graces crowne, or other Courte so to be appoynted, bene to be graunted or letten: And that all the Fermes, yssues, Reuenues and profyttes, comynge and growynge of thesame premisses, and of euerye parte thereof, shalbe taken and receyued to the kynges vse, by the Officers, and Ministers of thesame Courte, or Courtes, in suche manner and fourme, as is vsed and had of other Mannours, Landes, and Tenemētes, and of the yssues, Reuenues and profyttes of thesame, committed to the order, rule, suruaye, and gouernaunce of thesayde Courte of the Augmentatiōs and Reuenues of the kynges crowne, or anye other Courte so to be appoynted: any Acte, Statute, Ordinaunce, Custome, or vse, heretofore had, made, or vsed, to the contrarye notwithstandynge.

And it is further enacted by authoritie aforesayde, that yf anye of thesaide Maisters, Wardens, Ministers, Rulers, Gouernours, Priestes, Incumbētes, or owners of any suche College, Chauntrye, Freechapell, or of anye the premisses, geuen, limited, or appoynted to the kynge, by thys Acte, or of anye of them, sythens the .xviii. daye of November, in the .xxxvii. yere of the reigne of thesayde late kynge, haue made anye lease, vnder his, or theyr common Seale, or otherwyse, for terme of yeres, lyfe, or lyfes, of theyr sayde Colleges, Chauntryes, Freechapelles, or of other thesame premisses, or of anye parte thereof, or of anye Mannours, Landes, Tenementes, Possessions, or Hereditamentes,

tamentes, whatsoeuer they be, to theim, or to anye of theim vnited, or annexed, belongynge, or appertaignynge, vpon the which leases, the vsuall and olde Rentes and Fermes, accustomed to be yelden and reserued, or more, by the space of twentye yeres next before thesayde xxiii. daye of Nouembre not reserued and yelden, shalbe vtterlye voyde, and of none effecte: And that all other leases, and grauntes, heretofore made of anye the premisses, geuen, limited, or appoynted to the kynge by thys Acte, shalbe as good, auaileable, and effectuall in the lawe, to all ententes, constructions, and purposes, as yf this Acte hadde neuer bene had or made, anye thynge in this Acte, or anye other Acte heretofore had or made, to the contrarye thereof in anye wyse notwithstandynge.

Prouyded allwayes, and be it further ordeyned and enacted, by the aucthoritie aforesayde, that thys Acte, or anye thynge therein conteyned, shall not extende to anye Mannours, Landes, Tenementes, Possessions, or Hereditamentes, whyche thesayde Maisters, Wardeyns, Ministers, Chauntrye Prestes, Incumbentes, or other thesayde Gouernours, Officers, Ministers, or Rulers of the premisses, or of anye of them, hathe, or is, or hereafter shall haue, or be possessed, or seased of in Fee symple, Fee tayle, generall or speciall, for terme of lyfe, terme of yeres, or otherwyse, to hys, or theyr awne proper vses, by inheritaunce, or purchase: And not beynge at anye tyme vnyted, or annexed, to hys, or theyr sayde Colleges, Freechapelles, Chauntryes, or other the premisses, geuen, lymited, or appoynted to the kynge by thys Acte: Nor shall extende to anye Mannours, Landes, Tenementes, Possessyons, Rentes, Annuityes, or yerelye Pention, or Pentions, or to anye yerelye Summe, or Summes of moneye, beynge not vnyted, or percell of anye thesayde Colleges, and other the premisses aforesayde, or of anye of theim, heretofore geuen, or graunted by thesayde late kynge, or geuen, or graunted, or hereafter to be geuen or graunted by the kynge oure Souereygne Lorde, to anye of thesayde Deanes, Maisters, Wardeyns, Ministers, Chauntrye prestes, Incumbentes, Gouernours, or Rulers of the premisses, or of anye of theim, for terme of lyfe onelye, vnder hys greate Seale of Englande, or vnder the Seale of the Courte of the Augmentations, and Reuenues of the kynges crowne, or anye other of the kynges Seales, of anye of hys Courtes: anye thynge conteyned in thys Acte, to the contraye in anye wyse notwithstandynge.

Prouided alwaye, and be it enacted by aucthoritye aforesayde, that aswell all, and euerye Patrone, Donour, Foundor and geuer of anye of thesaid Promotions, or Premisses, or Geuer, Donor, or Feoffor, of any their Landes, Tenementes, Possessions, or other Hereditamentes,

as all,

as all, and euerye persone and persones, bodyes politique and corpora-
te, whiche before the makynge of thys Acte, lawfullye, withoute fraude,
or couyn, had, or enioyed, anye manner of Rente, or other yerelye profyt-
tes, to be taken, perceyued or had, of anye Chauntryes, Colleges, Free-
chapelles, or other the premisses, geuen, limyted, or appoynted, to the
Kynge by thys Acte, or oute of anye Mannours, Landes, Tenementes,
or other possessyons of them, or anye of them, shall haue and enioye the-
same, in lyke manner and fourme, as they shoulde, and oughte to haue
done, yf thesayde Colleges, Chauntryes, Freechapelles, and other
the premisses, geuen, limyted, or appoynted to the Kynge by thys
Acte, had styll remayned and contynued in esse, and full beynge: Any
thynge in thys Acte mencioned, to the contrarye in anye wyse not-
withstandynge.

Prouided also, and be it enacted by the aucthoritie aforesayde, that
yf anye suche Gouernour, Ruler, Wardeyn, Master, Incumbente,
Minister, or other, hauynge anye of thesayde spirituall Promotions, or
Incumbentes, haue, or shall compounde, for the fyrste Fruictes of anye
suche Spirituall Promotions, accordynge to the Lawes, and Statu-
tes of thys Realme, and the dayes of payemente of anye parte thereof,
not expyred before the fyrste daye of thys Parliamente, that all Sum-
mes of moneye so to be due and payable, sithens thesayde fyrste daye of
this Parliamente, shall cease, and be not payed, asked, or demaunded:
any bonde, recognisaunce, suertie, or other thynge, hador made, to the
contrarye notwithstandynge.

Prouided alwayes, and be it enacted by the aucthoritie aforesayde,
that all suche Rentes, Seruices, Issues, Profytes, and other Summes
of money, payable oute, of, or for any of the premisses, or any of them, in
the Kynges courte of hys Exchequier, shall continue, and be continual-
lye and yerelye leuyed, chardged, or payed, in thesame Courte, in suche
manner and fourme, as heretofore hath bene vsed: anye lawe Custo-
mes, vnitie of possession in the Kynges hyghnes, or other thynge to the
cōtrarye notwithstandyng: And as though thesayde Promotiōs, Man-
nours, Landes, Tenementes, and other the premysses had not come to
the Kynges handes or possession.

And be it further enacted, by the aucthoritie aforesayde, that all and
euerye letters patentes, made by thesayde late Kynge Henry the eighte,
or by the Kynges Maiestie that nowe is, or hereafter to be made by hys
hyghnes to anye persone or persones, or to anye Archebysshoppe, or
Bysshoppe, of anye of thesayde Colleges, Chauntryes, Freechapelles,
or other the premisses, or anye parte or percell of theim, or of anye Lan-
des, Tenementes, or Hereditamentes, belongynge, or apperteynynge,
or that dyd belonge, or apperteigne to them, or any of them: And all Fy-
nes, Gystes, Grauntes, Feoffementes, Recoueryes, & all other assuraun-
ces, and

tes, and conueighaunces thereof had, or made, by the assente, consente, or licence, vnder the greate Seale of Englande, of thelayde late Kynge Henry the eighte, or the Kynges Maiestie that now is, to anye persone, or persones, bodyes politique, or corporate, by anye Chauntrye prieste, Maister, Wardeyn, minister, ruler, gouernour, or other, hauyng anye of thelayde Promotions, of anye of thelayde Colleges, Chauntryes, Freechapelles, or other the premisses, or of anye of them, or of anye parte, percell, or membre of thesame, shall stande and be in their force, and effectes, and shalbe good and effectuall in the lawe, for suche estates and interestes, geuen, graunted, limited, or appoynted, in anye of the gyftes, graunte, assuraunces, or conueyghaunces thereof had, or made, accordynge to the purporte, fourme and matter, and accordynge to the true intente & meanyng of thesame assuraunces, and shalbe by auctholitye of this Acte, good, perfecte, and auaileable, aswell against the Kyng, his heyres, and Successours, as agaynste thelayde Chauntrye prieste, Wardeyns, Maisters, Rulers, Gouernours, and other, haupnge anye of thelayde Promotions, and theyr Successours, and the Successours of euerye of them: as also agaynste the foundors, donors, and patrones of thesame, and the ordinarye of them, and euery of them, and the heyres, and Successours of euerye of theim: anye lawe, statute, ordinaunce, or other thynge, to the contrarye thereof notwithstandynge.

And where dyuers and sundrye Bysshoppes, Deanes, Archedeacons, Tresaurours, Prebendaryes, Chauntrye prieste, Maisters, Prouostes, Rulers, Gouernours of any Deanerye, Archedeanerye, Tresaurourshyppes, Prebendes, Freechapelles, Chaunterye, or Colleges, within thys Realme of England, and other the Kynges Maisties Dominons, or anye of the patrones, foundors, donors of anye of the Bisshoppryches, Tresaurourshyppes, Deanerye, Chauntryes, Freechapelles, or other thelayed Spirituall promotions, of theyr voluntarie wylles, or myndes, for dyuers good and reasonable causes and consyderations, by deede, or deedes enrolled, or by other wrytynges, or conueyghaunces, haue heretofore geuen and graunted to the late Kynge of famous memorye, Henry the eyghte, late Kyng of Englande, and to his heyres, or to oure Souereigne Lorde the Kyng that nowe is, and to hys heyres, dyuers of theyr Deanerye, Archedeanerye, Tresaurourshippes, Prebendes, Chapelles, Chauntryes, and Colleges, or anye other Ecclesiasticall or Spirituall Promotyons, laste before remembred: And all, or some parte of the Mannours, landes, tenemētes, tithes, pentions, annuities, rentes, reuertions, and other reuenewes, hereditamentes, possessions, emolumentes and profittes, to thesame Bishopryches, Deaneries, Archedeaconryes, Tresaurourshippes, Prebēdes, Chapelles, Chauntryes, Colleges, and other lyke Promotions, benefices, offices, and dignities, or to any of them, belongynge, appertaynynge, vnited,

ted,or annexed,or whiche the sayde Bishoppes,Deanes,Archedeacons Treausarours,Chaũtrye Preistes,Masters,Prouostes,Rulers, Gouernours,and other ecclesiasticall or spirituall officers,or ministers,or anye of the sayde Patrones,donors,or foundors,or anye of theim, had or enioyed in the righte,or by reason of any of thesame promotions,offices,or dignities.

Be it enacted by the auctholitie aforesayde, that all and euery giftes and grauntes, heretofore made to the sayde late kynge, and to hys heyres, or to oure souereygne lorde the kynge that nowe is, and to hys heyres, by anye Archebishoppe, Bishoppe, Deane, Archedeacon, Treasaurour, Prebendarie, Master, Prouoste, Gouernoure, or other the sayde ecclesiasticall and spirituall person, or persons, or by any patrones,donor,or foundor of any of the sayde Deaneries,Chauntryes,or other of the sayde spirituall or ecclesiasticall promotions, or of all,or any of the Mannours,landes,tenementes,tithes,rentes,reuertions,pentions,portions,annuities,or other hereditamentes, Reuenewes,emolumentes,profites, or commodities, to any of the sayde benefices,offices,prebendes, promotions, or dignities belonginge, appertaynynge,vnited,or annexed, or whiche anye of thesame Archebishoppes,Bishoppes,Deanes,Archedeacõs,Treasaurours,Masters,Prouostes,Prebendaries, Rulers, Gouernours, officers, or ministers,patrones,foũdors,or donors,had, or enioyed,or haue,or enioye, or ought to haue,or enioye,in the righte,or by reason, or meanes of anye of thesame promotions, offices, or dignities, shalbe good and effectuall in the lawe,to all ententes and purposes:Sauinge, to all and euery person, and persons,and bodyes politique and corporate, their heyres, Successours,and assignes,and to the heyres, Successours, and assignes of euery of them,other then the Archebishoppes,Bishoppes,Deanes,Archedeacons, Treasaurours,Prebẽdaries,Rulers,Gouernours, Wardeyns,Prouostes,Giuours,and graũtors of any of the Premisses, and their heyres,Successours,and assignes, and other then suche ecclesiasticall or spirituall persones, bodyes politique or corporate, as are,or pretende to be foundors,donors,patrones,or ordinaries of the premisses,or anye of them,all suche rightes,titles,interestes,claimes,entrees, rentes,reuertions,remaynders,fees,offices,annuities,landes, tenemẽtes,hereditamentes,profites, commodities, and emolumentes, as they or anye of theim haue,or shoulde,or ought to haue had, of,in, or to the premisses nexte aboue mencioned, or anye parte thereof,as if thys acte had neuer bene had,or made: any thynge in thys acte, to the contrarye in anye wyse notwithstandynge.

Prouided alwayes,that thys Acte,or any thynge therein conteyned, shall not in anye wyse extende, to make good or effectuall, anye gyfte, graunte,bargayne,sale or alienation,made by anye Person,or Vicare,

of their personages, or vicareages, or of anye parte or percell thereof, or of anye thynge, to them, or anye of theim belonginge, or appertynynge.

Prouided also, that thys Acte, or anye thynge therein conteyned, shall not in anye wise extende, to hynder or prejudice George Brooke Knyghte, Lorde Cobham, hys heyres, or assignes, for, or concernynge the late College of Cobham, in the Countie of Kente, or the Mannors, landes, tenementes, or possessions thereof: Anye thynge aboue mencioned to the contrarye, in any wyse notwithstandynge.

Prouided also, and be it enacted by the aucthoritie aforesayde, that thys present Acte, or any thynge therein conteyned, shall in anye wyse extende, or be prejudiciall, or hurtefull to the generall corporation of anye Citie, Borrough, or Toune, within thys Realme, or anye other the Kynges Dominions, ne shall extende to anye the landes or hereditamentes, of them, or any of them: anye thynge herein conteyned, to the contrary, in any wyse not withstandynge.

Prouided also, and be it enacted by the aucthoritie aforesayde, that all suche of the sayde Colleges, Freechappelles, Chauntryes, and other the premisses, beynge appoynted and geuen to the Kynges highnes, by the aucthoritie of this acte, as be within the Duchie of Lancaster, and all Mannors, landes, tenementes, and hereditamentes, pertaynynge, or belongynge to thesame Colleges, Freechappelles, and chauntryes, shall, after the sayde feast of Easter nexte commynge, be within the suruaye and order of the Courte, of the Duchie of Lancaster, in suche maner and fourme, as other the premisses be assigned, or appointed by aucthoritie of thys Acte, to be in the surueye and order of the Courte of the Augmentations and reuenues of the Kynges Croune, or other Courte, by the Kynge to be assigned: And that all commissions, that hereafter shalbe awarded by vertue and force of thys Acte, concernynge suche Colleges, Frechappelles, Chauntryes, and other the premisses, as be within the sayde Duchie of Lancaster, shalbe awarded vnder the great seale of Englande, and shalbe certified into thesame Courte of the duchie of Lancaster: anye thynge aboue sayde, to the contrarye in anye wise notwithstandynge.

Prouided allwayes, and be it enacted by the aucthoritie aforesayde, that thys Acte ne any thynge therein conteyned, shall extende to the College, or Chauntrye of Attilbourghe, in the Countie of Norfolke, whiche the sayde late Kynge Henry the eighte, gaue to Robarte, late Earle of Sussex, and to hys heyres: But that Henry, now Earle of Sussex, sonne and heyre to the sayde late Earle, hys heyres and assignes, shall, and maye, by the aucthoritie of thys Acte, haue and enioye the sayde College, and Chauntrye, and all Mannours, landes, tenementes, aduoulsions, tithes, pentions, portions, & other hereditamentes

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thereunto belonginge, or apperteinynge: Any thynge in thys Acte, to ꝯ contrary in any wise notwithstandynge.

Prouided allwaye, and by the auctholitie aforesayde be it enacted, that the kynges Mateſtie, at any tyme, when it shal seme to hym good, maye geue auctholitie to certayne hys graces Commissioners, to alter the nature and condition of all maner of obites, aswell within the vniuersities of Cambridge and Oxfourde, as in any other place, within thys hys graces Realme of Englande, and Wales, beynge not suppressed, ne adnihilate by vertue of thys present Acte, and thesame obites so altered, to dispose to a better vse: as to ꝯ relief of some poore mē beynge studentes, or otherwise.

Prouided also, and be it enacted by auctholitie aforesayde, that it shall not be lefull to any person, or persons, bodyes politique or corporate, by reason of anye Remaynder, vse, or condition, to enter into, clayme, or chalenge any landes, tenementes, or hereditamentes, for the none doynge, not naminge, or none kindynge of anye suche Priest, or Prieſtes, or poore folkes, as is aforesayde, Obite, Anniuersarie, lighte, or lampe, from henceforth to be founden or done: any thyng herein conteyned, to the contrary in any wyse notwithstandynge.

Prouided allwayes, that thys acte, nor anye thynge therein conteyned, shall in any wyse extende to any landes, tenementes, possessions, or hereditamentes whatsoeuer, that any Maister, Deane, Prebendarye, Wardeyn, or Chauntrye, or any stipendarye Priest of anye College, Chauntrye, Prebende, Fraternitie, Guilde, or anye other corporatiõs, haue, or holde, of any person, or persons, by copie of Courte Rolle, or at will, accordynge to the custome of anye Manor, or Manors: nor geue or graunte anye copyholde landes, to the kynges hyghnes.

And also prouided, that the kynges highnes, hys heyres, or Successours, shall not in any wyse haue, holde, enioye, or take by vertue of thys acte, or any article therein conteyned, anye manner of copyholde landes, tenementes, possessions, or hereditamentes whatsoeuer they be: But that all, and euery of the sayde persons, and incumbentes, shall haue, holde, and enioye thesame, durynge their lifes, towardes their pention and perely lyuynge: paynge the rentes, and doynge their customes and seruices, therof due and accustomed, anye thynge in thys acte, to the contrary notwithstandynge.

Prouided, that thys acte shall not extende to anye landes, tenementes, or hereditamentes, assigned, appoynted, or intended for the fyndynge, or mayntenaunce of anye Chaunterye prieste, or stipendarie Priest, whyche by any former righte, and good title, without fraude or couyn, were lawfully recouered from the possession of any such Chauntrye prieste, or stipendarie prieste, before the firste daye of October, the

sayde.xxxvii.yere of the reygne of the sayde late kynge Henry the.viii: whyche landes, tenementes, and hereditamentes, were not charged, nor chargeable to the paymente of the perpetuall Tenthe: Any thynge in thys acte, to the contrary hereof notwithstandynge.

Prouided allwaye, and be it enacted by the auctholitie aforesayde, that all and singuler grauntes, licences, Confirmations, and letters patentes, whiche oure late souereygne lorde kynge Henry the eyghte, or our souereygne lorde the kynge that now is, haue made vnder the great seale of Englande to any person, or persons, bodyes politique or corporate, of anye College, Chapelle, or Chauntrye, nowe beynge in esse, or standynge, or nowe not beynge in esse, or not standynge, or of anye Lordeshippes, Mannours, Landes, Tenementes, and Hereditamentes, annexed, vnited, belongynge or appertaynynge to anye College, Chapelle, or Chauntrye, nowe beynge in esse, or standynge, or now not beynge in esse, or not standynge; or of any other thynge, or thynges, mencioned, or expressed in thys acte: And all and euery matter and thynge mencioned, expressed or conteyned in any suche graunte, licence, confirmation, or letters patentes, shall from henceforth, be demed, taken, expounded, and adiudged good and effectuall in the lawe, accordynge to the woordes, sentences, meanynges, ententes, forme and effectes of thesame grauntes, licences, confirmations, and letters patentes, to all intentes, constructions, and purposes, as if thys acte, and the sayde acte made in the sayde.xxxvii. yere of the sayde late kynge Henry the.viii, had neuer bene had nor made. And that thys acte, or the sayde acte made in the sayde.xxxvii. yere of the reygne of our sayde late souereygne lorde kynge Henry the.viii. or any clause, article, sentence, or other thynge therein conteyned, shall not extende to any Colleges, Chappelles, Chauntryes, or other thynge or thynges, mencioned in thys acte, nowe beynge in esse, or standynge, or now not beynge in esse, or not standyng, or to any Mannors, landes, tenementes, possessions, reuenues, or hereditamentes, annexed, vnited, belongynge or appertaynynge to any College, Chappell, Chauntrye, or other thynge mencioned in thys acte, now beynge in esse, or standing or now not beynge in esse, or not standynge, or to anye other thynge, or thynges, mencioned or expressed in thys acte: whiche any person or persons, bodies politique or corporate, haue had, or obteyned by the assent, licence, confirmation, graunt, or letters patentes, of the sayd late kyng, or of the kynges Maiestie that nowe is: Nor shall extende to anye Mannors, landes, tenemẽtes, reuenues, possessions, hereditamentes, or other thynge or thynges, mencioned, expressed or conteyned in any such licence, confirmation, graunte, or letters patentes: But that euery suche person and persons, bodies politique and corporate, their heyres and Successours, and assignes, and the heires, Successours, and assig-

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nes of euery of theim, ſhall haue, holde, and enioye, all and euery the-ſame Colleges, Chappelles, Chauntryes, Mannors, landes, tenemen-tes, reuenues, poſſeſſions, and hereditamentes, and all and euerye other thynge and thynges whatſoeuer, ſo by them had or obteyned, by the aſ-ſente, licence, confirmation, graunte, or letters patentes of the ſayde late Kynge, or of the Kynges Maieſtie that nowe is, accordynge to the woordes, ſentences, forme, effecte, meanynge and intente of theſame li-cences, confirmations, grauntes, and letters patentes: thys Acte, or the ſayde acte made in the ſayde .xxxvii. yere of the reygne of the ſayde late Kynge Henry the eyght, or anye clauſe, Article, ſentence, matter, or thynge, mencioned, ex-preſſed or conteyned in any of theſame Actes, to the contrarye thereof in anye wyſe notwithſtandynge.

God ſaue the Kyng.

EXCVSVM LONDINI,
IN ABDIBVS RICHARDI
GRAFTONI, TYPO-
GRAPHI REGII.

*Anno salutis humanæ.*

M.D.XLVIII.

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*Cum Priuilegio ad Im-*
*primendum solum.*

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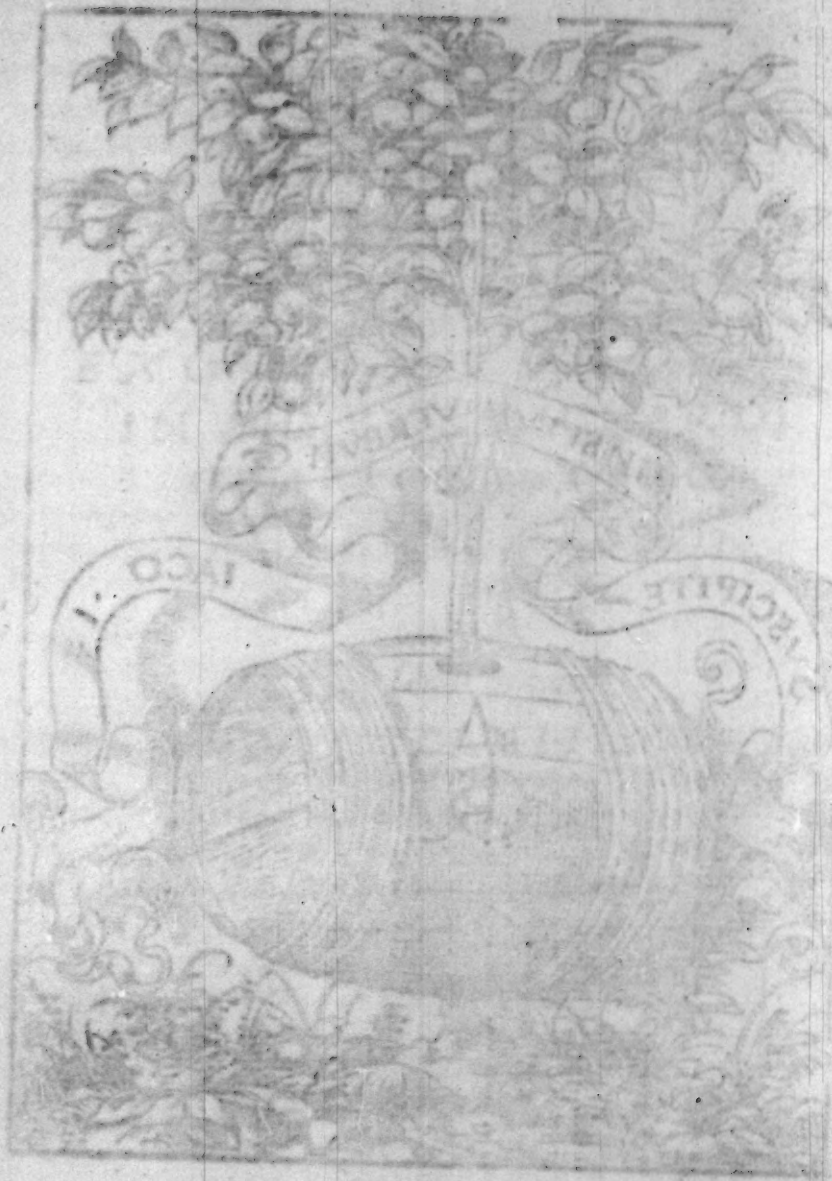

# AN ACTE CONCERNING THE KINGES MOOST GRATIOVS GENERALL PARDON.

The kynges mooſt royall Maieſtie, righte well perceauynge hys louyng ſubiectes, by many & ſundry waies and meanes, to haue borne and ſuſteined the great aduentures, charges and buſynes of warres, and defences of this hys Realme, aſwell in the tyme of hys mooſte dere father kynge Henry the VIII, as in hys tyme & reigne, entendyng of his clemency and pitie, to gratifie his ſayd ſubiectes, with hys gratious fre and liberall Pardon, accordyng to his kingly power, truſtyng aſſuredly, that hys ſayd ſubiectes will contynue his louyng & aſſured obedient ſubiectes, and hereafter in ſuche ſorte obeye hys highnes lawes and ſtatutes, as to them, and euery of them, of righte apperteigneth: is fully and reſolutely contẽted and pleaſed, that it be enacted by aucthoritie of this preſent Parliament, in maner & forme folowing, that is to ſaye, that all and euery of his ſayd ſubiectes, aſwell ſpiritual as temporall, of this his Realme of Englãd, Wales, the Iſles of Jerneſey and Gatneſey, Barwyck, Caleys, Guyſnes, Hammes, Bolleyn & Bollonoys, & the marches of theſame, the heires ſucceſſors, executors & adminiſtrators of thẽ, and euery of theim, and all & ſinguler bodyes, in any maner of wiſe corporate, Cities, Borroughes, Shires, Riddinges, Hundredes, Lathes, Rapes, Wapẽtakes, Townes, Villages and Tythynges, and euery of thẽ, and the Succeſſor, & Succeſſors of euery of them, ſhalbe, by the aucthoritie of this preſent Parliamente, acquyted, pardoned, releaſed and diſcharged againſte the kynges highnes, hys heyres, ſucceſſors, and executors, and euery of them, of al maner of treaſons, hereſyes, felonyes, robberyes, offences, cõtemptes, treſpaſſes, wrõges, deceiptes, miſdemeanours, forfaictures, penalties, & profites, ſummes of money, peynes of death, peynes corporall and pecuniary, and al other thynges, cauſes, querelles, ſutes, iudgementes and executions, which maye be, or can be, by hys highnes in any wyſe, or by any meane pardoned, before and vnto the .xxv. day of December, in the yere of our lord God a. M. CCCCC. xlviii: Other then ſuche as hereafter in thys acte be excepted or forpriſed, in ſuche maner and forme, & vnto ſuch tymes as they be excepted or forpriſed in thys acte: and other then ſuche as the clauſes of prouiſo, hereafter mencioned, doeth extend vnto. And alſo the kynges highnes, is further contented and pleaſed, that it be enacted, by the aucthoritie of this preſent Parliament, that this his ſayde fre Pardõ, ſhalbe as good and effectual in the law, to euery of his ſaid ſubiectes, bodyes corporate, and other before reherſed, and to euery of them, by the ſayd general wordes before reherſed, in all thinges, which

be not hereafter in thys present Acte, excepted or forprised, as the same Pardon should haue bene, if all offences, cõtemptes, forfaictures, causes, matters, sutes, querelles, iudgemẽtes, execucions, penalties, and all other thynges not hereafter excepted, nor cõteyned in any clause of prouiso hereafter mencioned, had bene particularly, singulerly, specially, & plainly named, rehersed and specified, and also pardoned by proper and expresse wordes and names, in their kyndes, natures and qualities, by wordes and termes thrrunto requisite, to haue bene put in, and expressed in thys present Acte of the Pardon: and that his sayd subiectes, nor any of them, nor the heyres, executors, or administrators of any of them nor any of the sayd bodyes corporate, nor any other persones, bodyes pollitique or corporate before named, or any of thẽ be, nor shalbe sued, vexed or inquyeted in their bodies, gooddes, lãdes, or cattalles, for any maner matter, cause, cõtempt, misdemeanor, forfaicture, trespasse, office or any other thyng suffred, done or committed agaynst his highnes, his croune, dignitie, prerogatiue, lawe, or statutes, but onely for suche matters, causes and offences, as be rehersed in the exceptiõs and clauses of prouiso, in this present acte hereafter mencioned, in suche maner and forme, as in the same exceptions and clauses of prouiso be mencioned, & for none other: any statute or statutes, lawes, customes, vses, or presidẽt heretofore had, made or vsed, to the contrary in any wyse notwithstandynge.

Also the kynges highnes, of his bounteous liberalitie, by auctho-
rite of this present Parliament, graunteth and freely geueth, to euery of hys sayd subiectes, and to euery of the sayde bodyes corporate & other before rehersed, and to euery of them, all suche gooddes, cattalles, debtes, fynes, issues, profites, amerciamentes, forfaytures, and summes of money, by any of them forfeyted, which to his highnes do, or should belong or apperteign, by reason of any offence, contempt, trespasse, misdemeanor, matter, cause or querel, suffered, done or cõmitted by thẽ, or any of thẽ which be not hereafter forprised, or excepted in this present Acte; and that all and euery the kynges sayd subiectes, & all & synguler bodyes corporate, and other before rehersed, maye by hym or them selfe, or by his or their deputie, or deputies, or by his or their attorney, or attorneys, accordyng to the lawes of thys Realme, pleade and minister thys present Acte of the Pardon, for his or their discharge, of, and for euery thyng, that is by vertue of this present Acte pardoned, discharged, geuẽ or graunted, wout any fee or other thyng, in any wise paiyng to any person, or persons for writyng or entry of the iudgement, or other cause cõcernyng suche plea, writyng or entrie, but onely .xii.d. to be payde to the officer or clerke, that shall entre the plea, matter or iudgemente, for the discharge of any the partie so pleadynge the same: any statute or vse, to the contrary in any wyse notwithstandynge.

And furthermore, the kynges highnes is contented and pleased, that

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it be enacted by the aucthoritie of this present Parliamēt, that his sayd free Pardon, by the general wordes before rehersed, shalbe reputed, demed and adiudged, allowed and taken, in all maner of courtes, and els where, aswell in the wordes and clauses of excepcions & foreprises specified in thys present acte, as in all and singuler other clauses, woordes and sentences, mencioned & rehersed in this his sayd fre Pardon, moost beneficially and auayleably, to all and singuler his sayd subiectes, bodyes corporate, and other before rehersed, and to euery of theim, in all thinges ambiguous or doubtefull, and moste strongely in Barre, and discharge agaynst his highnes, his heyres, successors, and executors in euery thing, without any obstacle, chalenge or other delaye, whatsoeuer it shalbe, to be made, pleded, obiected, or alledged by the kyng our souereygne lord, his heires, successors, or executors, or by his, or any of their generall attorney, or attorneys, or by anye person, or persons, for hys highnes, or any of hys heyres, successors, or executors.

And furthermore, it is enacted by the kynge our souereigne lorde, by aucthoritie of this present Parliamēt, ẏ if any officier or clerke, of any of hys highnes courtes, cōmonly called the kynges Bēche, Chauncery and Commō place, or of his Exchequer, or anye other officier or clerke of any other Court, within this Realme or in Wales, or other the kynges dominions aboue mencioned, at any tyme, after the .xx. daye of January next commyng, which shalbe in the yere of oure lord God, a. M. CCCCC. xlvij, make out, or write out any maner writtes, or other processe, or any extractes, sommons or other preceptes, whereby anye of the sayd subiectes, or any of the said bodies corporate, or other before rehersed, or any of thē, shalbe in any wyse arrested, attached, distreyned, sommoned, or otherwise vexed, inquyeted or greued in his or their bodyes, landes, tenemētes, gooddes, or cattalles, or in any of thē, for, or because of any maner of thynge pardoned or discharged, by vertue of this acte of fre pardon, he so offēding, & therof lefully cōdēpned, shal yeilde & pay for the recompense therof, to the partie so greued or offended, treble dāmages, to be accompted, as percell of the dammages and costes of the sute: and neuerthelesse, all and singuler suche writtes, processe, extractes and preceptes so to be made, for, or vpon any maner thynge pardoned, or discharged by this present acte of fre Pardon, shalbe vtterly voide, & of none effect.

Excepted alwayes and forprised out of this generall and fre Pardon, all and all maner of high treasons, petit treason, and misprision of treason, done, committed, or perpetrated, in any of the partes beyonde the sea, and all and al maner of treason, done, or committed in any other place, by anye person, or persones, by anye ouert dede, whereby any bodely hurt or harme shal come, or be done to the kynges onely person, and all sutes, punyshementes, executions, forfayctures and penalties for, or by reason or occasiō of any of the same treasons, before excepted.

And excepted all prepensed and voluntary murders, and also except all
tities of actions, of quare impedit all rauishmentes, and withholding of
the kynges wardes, and wardes landes, and the profites of thesame, at
any tyme growen to the kinges handes, or to any of his noble progeni-
tors, and not yet discharged, al wastes of the kynges wooddes, aswel in
parkes, forestes, chases, & els where: & al summes of money graunted or
promised to be payed, by waye or meane of beneuolence, or contributiõ
not payed and contẽted: and all and singuler debtes, other then debtes
growen vpon recognisaunces, beyng already forfaicted, for suerty of ỹ
peace, good abearyng, or for none apparaũce at any daye or place. And
excepted and forprised out of this Pardon, al maner of accomptes, and
all accions, sutes and impeticions for thesame, and all arrerages of ac-
comptes and debtes, due for thesame. And also, excepted all homages,
lyuereys & reliefes, rentes, seruices and arrerages of thesame, not done
or not paied. And also excepted al debtes, which were due to the kynges
highnes, or to the sayd late kynge of famous memory, kynge Henry the
viij. or to the late kyng Henry the. viij. or to any person, or persons, to ỹ
vse of the kyng our souereygne lord, or of his sayd father, or kyng Hẽry
the. viij. by any condempnacion, recognisaunce, obligaciõ, or otherwise.
And also, excepted al and singuler forfaictures, beynge due to our soue-
reigne lorde the kyng, or to the sayd late kyng, by any penall statute or
statutes, which be conuerted into the nature of debte, by iudgement, or
by agrement of the offendor, and al forfaictures, and other penalties, &
profites, growen, or due by reason of any offence, or acte, committed, or
done, contrary to any statute or statutes, or contrary to the cõmon lawe
wherof any seasure is made, or any informacion is geuen in the kinges
Exchequer, or any sute there commenced, and now dependyng, and not
yet determined: Or wherof the kynges highnes, or hys sayde father, by
hym assigned, or otherwise, haue made any gift or assignemẽt, to any of ỹ
seruauntes, of our sayde souereygne lord the kyng, or of his sayd father
or to any other person, or persons.

Also, except and forprised out of this free Pardon, al and all maner of
forgyng, counterfeyting, washing and clippynge of whatsoeuer money
or coyne, currant in this realme, and the bringinge into this realme, of
any false or counterfeyt money or coyne, made, forged or coũterfeyt out
of this realme, and the vttering of any such false, or counterfeyt money
or coyne, had, made, done, or perpetrated sithen the. xxvii. day of Janua
ry last past, and all and all maner of offences, impetitions, punishmen-
tes, forfeytures, peynes of death, iudgementes & execution for thesame.
And also, except and forprised out of thys free Pardon, all and singuler
fynes to be had, made or payed, by reason or meane of any alienacion,
had or made of any mãnours, lãdes, tenemẽtes, or other hereditamẽtes
without licence, sithen the sayd. xxvii. daye of January. Also, except and
forprised out of this free Pardon, all and all maner of Manslaughters,

Burgularies,

Burgularies, Robberies of any person or persõs, in any house, or nere any hygh waye, and wilfull burnynge of houses, and wilfull burnynge of Barnes, in which Barnes any corne was, at ỹ tyme of such burning: and all maner of rauyshmentes of any woman, against her wil, all felonious takyng of any money or gooddes, out of any Churche or Chappell, all and all maner of felonyous takyng of any Horse, Geldynge, or Mare, and all maner of Pyracies and offences vpon the sea, had, done, committed, or perpetrated, sithen the first day of August last past: And all maner of punishmentes, impeticions, forfaictures, peynes of death, iudgemẽtes, and executions for the same. And except and forprised out of this fre Pardon all and all maner of intrusions, had, made or done, sithẽ ỹ sayd. xxvii. day of January last past. And except & forprised out of this fre Pardon all & all maner of decciptes and offences, of all and singuler Moneyers and other officiers, ministers and workemen, of, or in any of the Myntes, within this Realme, and all impeticions and punishmentes for the same. And except & forprised out of this fre Pardon, all and al maner of decaying of any messuage, cotage or house, and the conuertyng of landes from tyllage vnto pasture, cõtrary to any statute heretofore had or made. And except and forprised the issues, reuenues & profites of al and singuler suche messuages, cotages, houses, and landes, comming, arising or growing, sithen the sayd. xxvii. day of January last past. And except and forprised out of this fre Pardõ, all and singuler collectors, and collector of any subsidy, fiftene, benevolence or cõtribucion, and other persons whatsoeuer, that ought to be accomptaũt, and the heyres, executors and administrators of euery of them, of, for, & concernyng all maner of debtes, accomptes & arrerages of accomptes, and all maner of concelementes of customes and subsidyes, and al maner of impeticions, and sutes for the same. And except and forprised out of thys fre Pardon, all and singuler persons and person, beynge the seconde daye of Decẽber, in the yere of our lord God. M. CCCCC. xlvii. prisoners, or prisoner, in the Toure of Londõ, and all and singuler persons and person, which at any time, before the same second day of Decẽber, did flye out of this Realme, into ỹ parties beyõd the sea, for any treason or misprision of treason. And excepte and forprised oute of thys free Pardon, all issues, fynes & amerciamentes afferred, tared, set, extracted, or entred seuerally, or particularly, extẽding to the summe of. C. shillinges, or aboue. And that all, and singuler other fynes, aswell fynes pro licentia concordandi, as other, and all other issues and amerciamẽtes, aswel real as other, which seuerally or particularly extẽde not to the same summe of. C. s̃, whether they be totted or not totted, taken to the charge of the Shiriek, or not taken to hys charge, extracted, or not extracted, whether they be turned into debt, or not into debt, and not beyng leuied nor receaued by anye Shyriek, or Shyrieues, Baylife, mynisters, or other officiers, shalbe fully, clerely, & plainly pardoned, and discharged

agaynſt the kynge oure ſouereigne lorde, hys heyres and ſucceſſors, for euer, by thys preſent acte of fre Pardon.

And be it further enacted by ỹ aucthoritie aforeſayd, that in caſe it be obiected, to, or agaynſt any Shirief, or Shiriefes, or other accõptaũtes in the kynges courte of Exchequer, or in anye other hys courtes, that any Shirief, or Shiriefes, or other officiers accomptaũt, haue receaued or taken any ſuch fynes, iſſues or amerciamẽtes, by this preſent acte pardoned & acquyted: that then euery ſuch Shirief & Shiriefes, & other accomptaũtes ſhalbe diſcharged, releaſed, pardoned & acquited therof by his or their othe, without any further tryal in that behaulfe.

Prouided alwaye, that this preſent acte of fre Pardõ, nor any thyng therin conteyned, in any wiſe extende to diſcharge, remit, or acquite any perſon or perſons, for any ſuche iſſues, fynes or amerciamentes of one hundreth ſhillinges, or vnder, as any Shirief heretofore haue accompted before the Barons of the kynges Exchequer, or els where, & payed theſame Iſſues, fynes, and amerciamentes, vpon hys, or their ſayde accompt, determyned to the kynges vſe, and hathe hys or their Quietus eſt, for theſame,

Prouided allwaye, and be it enacted by the aucthoritie of this preſent Parliament, that all and euery perſon and perſons, which haue tẽded, or ought to ſue lyuery out of the kynges hãdes, of any Mãnours, landes, tenementes, and hereditamẽtes whatſoeuer they be, ſhal ſue his or their liuery and liueryes, out of the kinges hãdes, of his or their Mãnours, landes, tenementes and hereditamẽtes: any article, acte or actes thyng or thynges, in this preſent acte of general and fre Pardon, compriſed and ſpecified, to the contrary notwithſtandynge.

Prouyded allwayes, and be it enacted by the aucthoritie aforeſayd, that it ſhalbe lefull, to all and euery clerke, and other officier of any of the kynges courtes, to awarde and make writtes of Capias vtlagarum, at the ſuyte of the partie pleyntife, to the entent to compel the defendaunt and defendauntes, to make anſwere to the pleyntyfe, at whoſe ſuyte he was outlawed. And that euery perſon, now beyng outlawed, ſhall ſue a writte of Scire facias, againſt the partie, or parties, at whoſe ſute he was outlawed, before this Pardõ in that behaulfe, ſhalbe allowed to hym, that ſo is outlawed,

God ſaue the Kyng.

*Excuſum Londini, in ædibus Richardi Graftoni*
*Regij Impreſſoris.*

*Cum Priuilegio ad Imprimendum ſolum.*
*Anno domini.* M.D.XLVIII.

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